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Closed-door decision leads to RCHS study

By Steve Marschke
News-Ledger Editor

The school board in West Sacramento may have broken the state's open meeting laws with a closed-door discussion several weeks ago about hiring a management consultant.

Patrick Campbell, superintendent of the Washington Unified School District, acknowledged to the News-Ledger on Monday that, during a "closed session" meeting, the board informally approved the proposal to have a consultant study River City High School's management.

"In a closed session meeting, they did direct staff to find someone to do this management audit," Campbell told the News-Ledger. Campbell said he was not personally present at the meeting.

"There was not an agenda item," he also acknowledged. "They were just talking in closed session and gave direction to do that."

The state's open meeting laws prohibit an elected government body – such as a city council or school board – from tackling issues without putting them on a public agenda. And when the elected leaders meet in "closed" session, it further restricts the kind of item they can talk about. Items such as personnel decisions, real estate negotiations and legal troubles are among the only topics that can be handled outside of public view. The laws are often referred to as the Ralph M. Brown Act, or "Brown Act," for short.

It's often tough for the public to know what ends up being discussed when a city council or school board meets behind closed doors, but in this case, word of the "direction to staff" about hiring a consultant leaked out.

The school district's chief counsel, Jackson Parham, wasn't present at the closed-door meeting last month, said Campbell. But another lawyer from his firm was.

The management study approved by the school board is now occurring at River City High School. The district hired Roger Rice, an assistant superintendent at Oxnard Union High School District in Southern California, to perform the study. The Oxnard district, like West Sacramento's, employs attorney Jackson Parham as counsel. Parham "did know of (Rice) and spoke highly of him" before he was selected, said Campbell. But he added that it is not unusual for consultants to have interrelationships between districts.

Campbell said the actual decision to choose Rice was made at the staff level, and the school board will later be asked to approve the consulting contract with him.

Did the superintendent believe that the board has stepped outside the law?

"I don't think so," said Campbell, "but I don't know the Brown Act that well."

High-density headed for West Capitol

Seventy homes and 7,200 square feet of retail space may be headed for a site formerly occupied by the Siesta Motel on West Capitol Avenue. West Sacramento's redevelopment agency purchased the property at 1731 and 1801 West Capitol to stimulate new uses, and the city council tonight will be asked to authorize further negotiations with a prospective developer.

A proposal by Sequoia Standard LLC was deemed by city staff to be better than two other proposals by firms hoping to acquire the land, partly because the firm does not ask for public subsidies. Sequoia Standard is "an experienced residential and mixed use developer," said a city staff report, that "has partnered with large residential developers and a variety of southern California local governments."

The company's concept for the property involves a single story of retail along West Capitol with "loft" housing above. The single building fronting that street will be broken up into units with slightly different setbacks and architectural styles. Behind the front building will be 1,250-square foot homes backing up to Merkley Avenue.

The retail space could include "an urban eatery, coffee shop or other small boutique-type retail establishment," said the staff report.

The concept appears to fit the city's desire for mixed uses along the corridor, and its vision of a "Grand Residential Boulevard."

The property is located on the south side of West Capitol between Westacre Road and Poplar.

Fighting for safety

BRUCE ANDERSON (right) led guests at a free self-defense class sponsored by Soroptimist International of West Sacramento.

Space was provided by Collings Teen Center. Students were taught techniques to help stay safe, preventing or fighting off an attack.

The class was intended for women and teens, but Soroptimists hopes to hold future classes to serve children, seniors and the physically challenged.

'Idol'

A West Sacramentan has won the County Fair "Idol" competition, representing Yolo County and besting singers from 11 other counties in competition held at the Gold Country Fair in Auburn on Sept. 9.

Alyncia Vela won the Yolo County Fair's Idol Search on Aug. 18 to win the right to represent Yolo County.

In Auburn, she sang "At Last" (popularized by Etta James) and performed an encore with Gloria Gaynor's "I Will Survive."

She won a medal and a $3,000 cash prize.

Renaissance-style wedding

A West Sacramento couple skipped the sky-blue tuxedoes, in favor of a 'Renassaince' style wedding in the city on Sept. 10. Exchanging their vows were Samantha Ann Marie Washam and Derek Evan Lamb. Both are River City High School grads. Samantha's parents are Larry and Debbie Washam; Derek's are Patti Shira Lamb and the late Jack Lamb.

Photo by Barry Blacklaw

Drug agents claim arrest of 'major' local meth dealer

Officials from a county drug enforcement task force say they arrested a man "who had been selling large quantities of methamphetamine in West Sacramento."

Juan Gonzalez, 21, was arrested during the evening of Sept. 13, said a spokesperson for the Yolo Narcotic Enforcement Team, or YONET. The team is comprised of local police and other law enforcement personnel from the region.

YONET says that agents conducted two undercover one-ounce buys of the drug from Gonzalez in downtown West Sacramento during the past month. They also learned he was keeping the drug at his residence at 832 Hardy Drive.

YONET arranged a half-pound drug buy scheduled to take place at the Safeway parking lot near Jefferson Blvd. and West Capitol Ave, and also obtained a search warrant for the man, his vehicle and residence.

Gonzalez was followed from his residence to his meeting near Safeway and was arrested without incident after handing over the half-pound of methamphetamine to an undercover agent.

Agents then searched the home, finding another half-pound of the drug in a bedroom drawer. Also found were scales, packaging and a heat sealer. In addition to drug charges, Gonzalez was charged with child endangerment because an infant was found sleeping in the same room as the drug was stored.

500 grams of methamphetamines were seized -- amounting to a potential 2,200 doses worth at least $15,000, said YONET officials

YONET estimates that the 500 grams of drugs seized comprised 2,200 potential doses worth $15,000 or more "on the street."

City council to hear case:

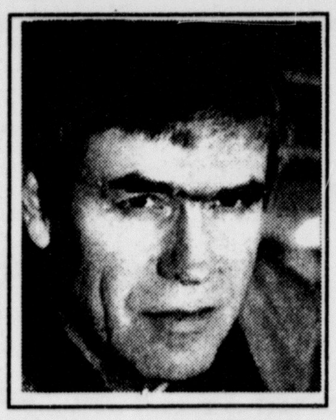
West Sac man takes on city hall & WalMart

A local man is fighting WalMart's plans to build a "superstore," including a grocery store, in West Sacramento.

Obie Brandon has filed an appeal of the city's design approval for the store, slated to go in at a "Riverpoint" site near Reed Avenue and I-80.

Brandon's challenge states that the store is "harmful to our community," and says that the appropriate level of state environmental law wasn't followed during the city's design approval of the store.

The ethic of work: a cherished possession



My Back Pages

By Daryl Fisher

Every once in awhile, when the nights are too long and I can't sleep, I pick up this wonderful book of short stories a friend gave me many years ago and begin to read. The pages I turned to this time were penned by a man named Isaac Bashevis Singer, the son of a Jewish rabbi and the grandson of two more. Born around the turn of the century in Poland, Singer also studied to be a rabbi but soon discovered his real love was writing. Eventually, in 1978, he was awarded the Nobel Prize for literature, but in 1915 he was only 11-years old and living in Warsaw's very old Jewish quarter. There he met an indomitable woman in her 70's who was absolutely determined never to become a burden to anyone, and it is she who is memorialized in his short story, *The Washwoman*, the essence of which I have an urge to pass along to you this week.

Singer begins his story by explaining that the Gentile washwoman who came to his house every other week to pick up his family's laundry was small, wrinkled, and broken in body, but that his mother had never been so pleased with a washwoman.

"Every piece of linen she washed sparkled like polished silver. Every piece was also neatly ironed, yet she charged no more than the others. And laundering was not easy in those days. The old woman had no faucet where she lived but had to bring in the water from a pump. For the linens to come out so clean, they had to be scrubbed thoroughly in a washtub, rinsed with washing soda, soaked, boiled in an enormous pot, starched, then ironed. And the drying! It could not be done outside because thieves would steal the laundry. The wrung-out wash had to be carried up to the attic and hung on clotheslines. In the winter it would become as brittle as glass and almost break when touched. And there was always a to-do with other housewives and washwomen who wanted the attic clotheslines for their own use. Only God knows all the old woman had to endure each time she did a wash!"

It turns out that the old woman actually had a rich son, but he was ashamed of her profession and refused to help her in any way. As the years went by, she became so poor, "She could have begged at the church door or entered a home for the penniless and aged. But there was in her a certain pride and love of labor with which she had been blessed. The old woman did not want to become a burden on anyone, and so she bore her burden alone."

Finally, there came a really harsh winter. By then the old washwoman was almost 80. Her hands trembled and her fingers were gnarled from work and arthritis. When she placed a bundle of laundry on her shoulders, it made her sway, as though she were about to fall under the load.

"It was fearful to watch the old woman staggering out with the enormous pack, out into the frost, where the snow was dry as salt and the air was filled with dusty white whirlwinds, like goblins dancing in the cold."

Then one day the old woman did not return in two weeks as usual. Then a month went by -- then two. But one evening, when the frost had finally subsided, the old woman knocked weakly on the Singer's front door.

"I ran toward the old woman and helped her unload her pack. She was even thinner now, and more bent. Her face had become more gaunt, and her head shook from side to side as though she were saying no. She could not utter a clear word, but mumbled something with her sunken mouth and pale lips."

After the old woman recovered somewhat, she apologized for her late delivery and explained that she bad been very ill -- too ill to even get out of bed.

"But I could not rest easy in my bed because of the wash," she said. "The wash would not let me die."

The Washwoman ends with these memorable words:

"The wash she had returned was her last effort on this earth. She had been driven by an indomitable will to return the property to its rightful owners, to fulfill the task she had undertaken. And now at last her body, which had long been no more than a shard supported only by the force of honesty and duty, had fallen. Her soul passed into those spheres where all holy souls meet, regardless of the roles they played on this earth, in whatever tongue, of whatever creed. I cannot imagine paradise without this Gentile washwoman. I cannot even conceive of a world where there is no recompense for such effort."

New at the library

By Elise McCallan
Arthur F. Turner Branch Library
1212 Merkley Ave.

The Arthur F. Turner Branch Library has received the following new books:

"Raising a Star: The Parents' Guide to Helping Kids Break into Theater, Film, Television, or Music" by Nancy Carson.

"First Families: The Impact of the White House on Their Lives" by Bonnie Angelo.

"More Book Lust: 1,000 New Reading Recommendations For Every Mood, Moment, and Reason" by Nancy Pearl.

"White Devil: A True Story of War, Savagery, and Vengeance in Colonial America" by Stephen Brumwell.

"It's Not Easy Being Green: And Other Things to Consider" by Jim Henson, the Muppets, and Friends.

Ahead in local government

The **City of West Sacramento** will hold a city council meeting tonight, with public session beginning at 7 p.m.

Agenda items include solicitation of bids for a new fire station, changes to the city's process involving the mayor's appointments to boards and commissions, consideration of joining a regional water agency, negotiations with a private developer to develop 1731 West Capitol Avenue into a mixed-use project, approval of a "letter of intent" for the

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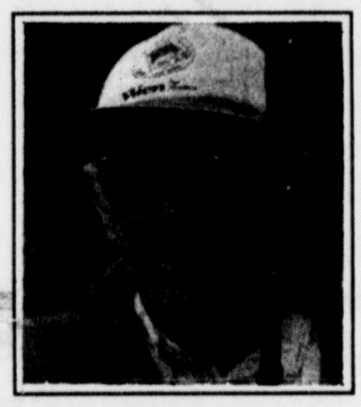
Obituary

Philip H. Crawford

Philip Crawford – a 44-year resident of West Sacramento, an activist who helped improve the community's drinking water, and an advocate of the threatened Swainson's Hawk – died Sept. 13, 2005, after a long illness. He was 81.



A native of Mendocino County, Mr. Crawford graduated from Ukiah's high school and attended UC Berkeley for two years. He left college to join the U.S. Army Air Corps during World War II, serving as a navigator on a B-17 bomber and flying 36 missions over Europe as part of the 8th Air Force's 452nd Bombing Group.

Following the war, Mr. Crawford met his future wife, Margaret Lowe, back in Ukiah.

"We were both taking flying lessons at the local airport," Mrs. Crawford recalls of their meeting.

The pair married and relocated to West Sacramento, where Mr. Crawford worked for the state government for 33 years, mostly as a manager for the Employment Development Department.

"I've never seen a state worker so loyal," recalls neighbor Frank Ramos. "He'd work after hours, weekends – whatever it took, without complaining."

"You couldn't have asked for a better neighbor," added Mr. Ramos. "Philip was a gentleman – he was just like family to me."

Before West Sacramento incorporated, Mr. Crawford helped out with the East Yolo Community Services District and was active in the citizen's group credited with creating a local, public agency to distribute improved drinking water. He also served eight years on Yolo County's School Board, and helped out with other local causes, including the local "friends of the library" group. He was a life member of Veterans of Wars Post 8762.

Mr. Crawford was an avid fisherman at the region's lakes, and a birdwatcher. He was particularly a student of the Swainson's hawk, whose riparian habitat is threatened by local development.

Mr. Crawford is survived by his wife of 58 years, Margaret. The couple have no children.

His remains were inurned at East Lawn Cemetery in Sacramento yesterday. No services are planned.

Remembrances be sent to any of three charities meaningful to Mr. Crawford:

"West Sacramento Friends of the Library," P.O. Box 692, West Sacramento, CA 95691;

"Yolo County Retired Teachers Scholarship Fund," 1417 Clearwater Way, Woodland CA 95695;

Or "Friends of the Swainson's Hawk," 817 14th St., Sacramento CA 95814.

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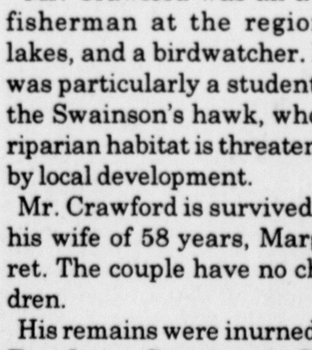

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SPORTS

SPORTS INSIDER

By Richard Novoa

The City of Davis had a reason to celebrate this weekend with the Aggies huge 20-17 upset over the Stanford Cardinal. The Aggies shocked the Pac-10 team with the biggest victory in U.C.D. school history.

The Aggies turned two Stanford turnovers into quick scores and then closed the door on the Cardinal with a three-yard touchdown pass from Jon Grant to Blaise Smith as time expired. On Tuesday Stanford's coach Walt Harris was still apologizing to his Alumni.

Sacramento State, which lost it's big upset opportunity to Cal a few ago, will meet their cross town rivals at Hornet Field on Saturday (2 p.m.) in the 52nd Causeway Classic.

How about those Sacramento Monarchs, who could win the WNBA championship on Tuesday night? The largest crowd (14,073) in Monarch history cheered the Ladies to victory at the Arco Arena on Sunday. The Monarchs won the first game 69-65 in Connecticut but lost game 2 there only to rebound on Sunday to win the third game 66-55 in Sacramento.

The Monarchs now control their own destiny with a 2 games to 1 lead in this best of five championship series. They can wrap up the title in Sacramento on Tuesday night or be force to win the crown on the road in game 5 on Thursday (4:30 p.m.-ESPN2).

Major League Baseball

Mr. Bonds returned to the Giants line up with a bang. Bonds clobbered a double in his first at bat this season and then followed up during the week with two HR's to put him 12 home runs behind the Babe. The Padres seem to have the Western Division locked up with their magic number at 9.

The N.L. wild card race is still up for grabs with the Astros, Phillies and Marlins battling for the right to play the St. Louis Cardinals in the playoffs. The Padres and Braves are on course to meet in the other playoff match-up.

In the A.L., the Yankees are starting to make a late season push but those pesky kids in Cleveland are hanging tough. The White Sox are feeling the heat from the Indians in the Central Division while Boston's lead in the East is down to ½ game over the Boys in pinstripes.

The A's road trip was a disaster dropping them 5 games behind the Indians in the wild card race but they can still win the West. Only 2 games separate the A's and Angels with 12 games remaining in the season. Next Monday the A's will host the boys from Disneyland in a four game series in Oakland. A sweep by either team will insure a playoff spot.

NFL Week 3

The Eagles K.O.'d the 49ers last Sunday in Philadelphia 42 to 3 – or should I say they "T.O.'d" the Niners, as in "Terrell Owens." Owens was inspired by pre-game trash talk from 49ers linebacker, Derek Smith, who should have known better than to rattle Owens' cage. Owens responded on the field with 5 catches for 143 yards and two touchdowns and that was only in the first half.

The 49ers (1-1) will return home next Sunday to host the Dallas Cowboys (1-1) at Monster Park (1 p.m.-FOX). The Cowboys, who will be favored against the Niners, suffered an embarrassing 14-13 loss at home Monday night. The boys had the game 13-0 won with a few minutes remaining only to let the Redskins score 14 points on two long bombs from Brunell to Moss.

Speaking of Moss the new Raiders long ball threat did it again hooking up with Kerry Collins on the bomb. Too bad the rest of the Oakland Raiders (0-2) didn't fare any better on Sunday night against the Kansas City Chiefs. The Silver and Black avoided a local blackout but they couldn't avoid those costly mistakes and crucial penalties. K.C.

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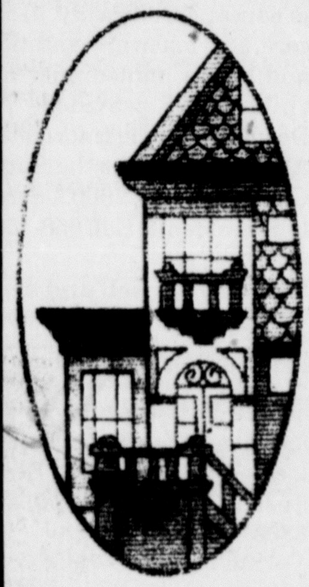

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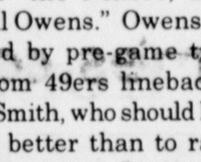

1. Brad Lidge set a National League record in 2004 for most strikeouts by a reliever (157). Whose mark did he break?
2. Entering 2005, the Atlanta Braves had won 13 consecutive division titles (not counting the 1994 shortened season). In how many of those years did they have the best record in baseball?
3. How many times did Detroit Lions great Barry Sanders rush for 100-plus yards in a playoff game?
4. Three NCAA Division I men's basketball coaches won the Final Four in their first time there during the 1990s. Name them.
5. Who won the Lady Byng Trophy (for sportsmanship) for the 2003-04 NHL season?
6. Between 1982 and 2002, two countries each appeared in the final of World Cup men's soccer three consecutive times. Name the countries.
7. Name the two horses during the 1990s to lose the Kentucky Derby, but win the Preakness and the Belmont.

Please see answers P. 5

Featured Listings:

3131 Carmel Bay Road
$498,000
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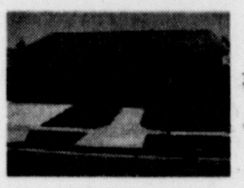
Jerry Mason 916-804-0166



3131 Grizzly Bay Road
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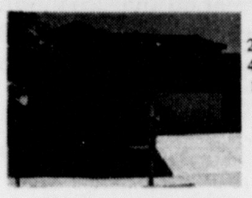

3143 Bowen Island Street
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2-Story built in 2002, Beautiful 4bd/3ba large game room/extra family room. Kitchen features steal appliances & corain counters. Awesome Landscaping w/ no back neighbors.
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The Benevolent Women's Craft Society

By Mark Steven Jensen

'The central characters are four rural women trying to meet the entry deadline for their small town's Pioneer Days celebration. Lillian is cantankerous, Fiona is weird, Loraine tries her hand at matchmaking, and Emily is the energetic and very pregnant wife of a Lutheran minister. Jason is a gay professor from California who says he's studying the women for his gender studies course. The characters are just so charming and crazy. They have a rural mentality and morality, and a down-home American feeling that is universal, but at the same time, a little wacky because of their culture. Into this comes a city boy who brings a lot of surprises to them that they have never been exposed to.'

-- Mark Steven Jensen, Playwright

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SPORTS from p. 3—

hung onto to a 23-17 lead late into the fourth quarter to send the Raiders on the road with another loss to face the Eagles next Sunday. The Eagles, who warmed up on the Niners, will be 9-point favorites in Philly.

Aztec (4-6) is in the doghouse this week after losing 4 out 5 picks including both Monday night games. The Dawg's college lick or lock was Norte Dame who lost in OT to Michigan St. but this week he's going to bury the bone with Miami-Fla. (-13 ½) over Colorado. In the Pro's the 49ers (+3) at home against the Boys smells good and he's got a funny itch that the Chargers (-3) will beat the G-Men in San Diego but he has really been pointing at the Rams (-6 ½) at home against the Titans.

The Dawg senses there's going to be a dogfight on Monday night between the Chiefs and Broncos so take the over (49 points.).

Enjoy your day. See ya next week!

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'Across the Bridge':

Events around the region

Down Syndrome Buddy Walk

The Down Syndrome Information Alliance will hold its Buddy Walk from 10-2 on Saturday, October 8th at William Land Park on the Village Green. This is a family event and charity fundraiser. Call 658-1686 or visit www.downsydromeinfo.org for registration and more information.

Docents needed

Stone Lakes National Wildlife Refuge is hosting new volunteer docent training in October. This is a great opportunity to work with wildlife, habitat, and people right outside the Sacramento area. Training is free and no experience is necessary. For more information and also the dates and times of the training sessions, call the volunteer coordinator at 775-4421.

Porcelain artists on display

The Camellia City Porcelain Artists will hold their Golden Harvest Tea & Holiday Boutique on October 15-16 at the Sacramento Garden Art Center, 3330 McKinley Boulevard in Sacramento. Admission is free and a special English Tea and refreshments will be served. Selected works of hand painted china will be on display. The show is offered to better educate the public and promote interest in porcelain art. For more information, call 663-1292.

Fall home show

Sacramento's 4th Annual Fall Home Show will be held at Cal Expo on October 14-16. Over 300 new home products and ideas will be on display. General admission is $5, with seniors over 62, $4. For more information call 924-9934.

Adopt a pet

The Fall 2005 Super Pet Adoption will be held on September 24-25 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Country Club Plaza Mall, 2401 Butano Drive (Watt at El Camino) in Sacramento. A coalition of local animal shelters, rescue groups and concerned individuals will be making several varieties of dogs, cats, birds and rabbits available for adoption. All the animals will be up-to-date on their veterinary care and will be spayed or neutered before going to their new home.

For additional information visit www.nmhpsacto.org.

Wild affair at the zoo

On October 1st, from 5-10 p.m., experience the 10th Annual Wild Affair at the Sacramento Zoo, located in Sacramento's William Land Park. Guests will have the opportunity to journey into the private areas of the zoo and learn more about the animals. Proceeds from the event will go towards building the zoo's first ever on-site veterinary hospital. Tickets are $150 per person and for more information call 264-8815.

Cemetery tours

The Old City Cemetery, located at Broadway and 10th Street in Sacramento, will hold a number of guided tours in October, including the following: October 15th -- "What's Blooming in the Cemetery"; October 17th -- "It's a Full Moon"; October 28th -- "Lantern Tours". They will commence from the cemetery's main gate entrance and donations for the restoration of the cemetery are greatly appreciated. For more about the tours and their starting times, call 448-0811.

Genealogical association meets

The Genealogical Association of Sacramento will meet at 1 p.m. on September 21st at the Belle Cooledge Library, 5600 South Land Park Drive in Sacramento. The program will be "Breaking Down Our Brick Walls" and "What You Did This Summer." Visitors and new members are welcome. For more information call 682-8004.

Folk & fairytale festival

Story, myth, lore and more will be featured at Fairytale Town's Annual Folk & Fairytale Festival on Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays from September 30 through October 16. See delightful tales presented each week as local storytellers and theater troupes perform throughout the festival. The event is free with the cost of a regular park admission. Fairytale Town is located at 3901 Land Park Drive in Sacramento, right across the street from the Sacramento Zoo. For more information call 264-5233 or visit www.fairytaletown.org.

Wildlife refuge opens

The Stone Lakes National Wildlife Refuge will be open on September 24th from 7:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. for a free docent guided walk. To reach the refuge trail head, take Interstate 5 to the Elk Grove Boulevard exit, turn west, and park; the refuge trail head is adjacent to the highway. The 3 mile hike leads you to a wildlife viewing platform overlooking seasonal wetlands. For more information call 775-4420.

Antique quilt show

The 25th Annual Antique Quilt and Vintage Clothing Show will be held from August 1 thru September 30 at the Folsom History Museum, located at 823 Sutter Street in Folsom. Hours are 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. and admission is $3.

This year's theme will be *25 Years of Antique Quilt Shows*, highlighting the best of the quilts that have been displayed over the past 25 years. For more information, call 985-2707.

Down syndrome information

The Down Syndrome Information Alliance Education Series features programs on the first Tuesday of each month with the hope of improving the knowledge of individuals and families affected by Down syndrome. Experts in education, advocacy, health care, etc., make presentations and a free light dinner and childcare is provided. The Down Syndrome Information Alliance meets at the Sutter Cancer Center, 2800 L Street in Sacramento. Call 658-1686.

Monthly car sell and swap

On the first Saturday of every month, the Towe Auto Museum holds their monthly car sell and swap. Car-for-sale space is $15. The museum is located at 2200 Front Street (just off Broadway). Call 442-6802.

AGENDAS from p. 2

The **City of West Sacramento** will hold a city council meeting tonight, with public session beginning at 7 p.m.

Agenda items include solicitation of bids for a new fire station, changes to the city's process involving the mayor's appointments to boards and commissions, consideration of joining a regional water agency, negotiations with a private developer to develop 1731 West Capitol Avenue into a mixed-use project, approval of a "letter of intent" for the city to take majority control of the Port of Sacramento, and an ordinance establishing hotel standards.

The **bond oversight committee of the Washington Unified School District** will meet at 6 p.m. tonight at the district boardroom, 930 Westacre Road, to discuss a facilities master plan, possible sale of unneeded school acreage (including acreage near the proposed new high school), "responding to the Brown Act" and other items.

The **West Sacramento Redevelopment Agency's new Project Area Committee (PAC)** will meet on four Mondays: Oct. 24, Nov. 21, Jan. 23 and Feb. 13, at 6 p.m. in the civic center galleria. The committee will discuss potential amendments to the Redevelopment Plan, including increasing the tax increment collection cap, increasing agency bond capacity, and re-instating "eminent domain" authority. For more information on the new committee, call 617-4535.

The **Southport Decision Making Process** will be the subject of two city workshops. The first will take place on Sept. 28 at 7 p.m. at the civic center galleria, with a presentation by a facilitator on the five major residential projects in Southport and a discussion of guiding issues and principals.

The second will be at 7 p.m. on Oct. 27 at city hall, and will feature an analysis of the five applications based on the principles developed at the first workshop. Participants will work in small groups to apply the principles. Resulting comments will be forwarded to the city planning commission and city council. For more information, visit www.ci.west-sacramento.ca.us and click on "Southport Decision Making Process."

The **school board of the Washington Unified School District** will meet Thursday evening at Westmore Oaks Elementary School (1504 Fallbrook St). The board will meet in public session after a closed session meeting that takes place at 6 p.m.

The agenda will include a presentation from Westmore Oaks School, approval of financial reports, procurement of a bus and other items.

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Police log

Sept. 15, 6:15 a.m.
A Savannah Lane caller reported that a juvenile had not gone to school for several days, refusing to attend high school. The caller requested an officer's help.

Sept. 15, 9:15 a.m.
A female high school student reported being assaulted by her boyfriend. No medical attention was needed.

Sept. 15, 9:27 a.m.
A Madrone Avenue man reported that his car had been stolen during the night, but that he had found it parked behind a barber shop on West Capitol, wrecked. The car had been the suspect vehicle in a hit and run accident during the night on Sacramento Avenue. An officer asked the man how he knew where to find the car, and the man reported that he had received a phone call from an unknown person telling him where it was.

Sept. 15, 3:12 p.m.
A 26-year old West Sacramento man obtained a stolen check and cashed it for $450 at a West Capitol bank, giving $300 to another man. The 26-year old was arrested.

Sept. 16, 4:05 a.m.
A caller reported having interrupted someone breaking into a vehicle on Alabama Avenue.

Sept. 16, 7:38 a.m.
A caller reported that it appeared someone had tried to set fire to house under construction at Chelan Road and Swift Street.

Sept. 16, 10:14 a.m.
A high school reported having in custody a juvenile found in possession of marijuana.

Sept. 16, morning hours
Abandoned vehicles were reported found on Duluth St., Jackson at Jefferson, William St., Yolo St., Cooper Island Rd., Maui, and Kents.

Sept. 16, 3:30 p.m.
An Elizabeth Street resident reported having lost her state ID card a month earlier. Someone had since used it to run up a $789 ambulance bill in Modesto in the West Sacramentan's name.

Sept. 16, 4:59 p.m.
A woman called police. She said she left her purse in a restaurant on the 2900 block of West Capitol, and it was gone. She believed employees of the establishment took it.

Sept. 17, 5:03 p.m.
Officers responded to the 900-block of West Capitol regarding a man who wouldn't pay his cab fare. They found the man was on searchable probation, and was carrying a glass smoking pipe and methamphetamine. The man was believed to be gang-affiliated, and was booked.

Sept. 18, 12:55 p.m.
A man told police his 13-year old son was punched by a male adult Friday at a West Capitol market. The suspect's license plate number was passed along to police.

Sept. 18, 4:55 p.m.
A Fernwood St. man reported that he had unlocked his vehicle from inside his house prior to going to work at 3 a.m. About five minutes later, he went outside and saw someone inside the car. The suspect fled on foot, leaving his bicycle and escaping with no stolen property.

Sept. 18, 5:03 p.m.
A caller said the rear license plate was stolen from a car while it was parked at a Lake Road business.

Sept. 18, 7:55 p.m.
A juvenile male was seen fleeing on foot after an SUV he was driving was involved in an accident on the westbound US 50 onramp at Jefferson Blvd.

Sept. 18, 10:04 p.m.
The sound of a gunshot was reported by a resident of Fraser Island Road. Police found an explosive device on Long Island Rd. nearby – it was a plastic bottle with aluminum foil, and had apparently exploded. It smelled of bleach, and firefighters deemed it a "bleach bomb."

Sept. 19, 12:25 a.m.
On Carrie Street, a man reported that his ex-girlfriend was "very drunk" in front of his house, and that she had assaulted him. He said he worried that she would drive home drunk. A police report was taken.

Sept. 19, 1:01 a.m.
The driver of a shuttle van asked a problem passenger to get out at a West Capitol location. The passenger refused. Police were called, and found the subject uncooperative and apparently intoxicated. He was booked for disorderly conduct.

Sept. 19, 4:05 a.m.
A 27-year old man slapped his wife about eight times during an argument, and was arrested.

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Shop talk
by Greg Zyla

Get More Mileage Out of Your Tires

Q. My tires wore out after only 20,000 miles, and they were supposed to be good for 36,000 miles. What's up? — *Charlie, North Carolina*

A. Charlie, several things could be up. You don't mention the brand of tire you bought, and that could be your first clue. Many off-brands just don't give the wear quality of a brand-name tire. Usually, however, the main reason for premature tire wear is incorrect tire pressure and lack of tire rotation. You must run the correct air pressure to guarantee good traction and tire life.

Seasonal temperature changes affect the air pressure in tires, especially up north where I live. The air pressure in a tire will drop as cold winter weather moves in and rise when hot summer weather returns. The rule of thumb is that a swing in temperature of 10 degrees F causes a one pound change in a tire's air pressure. If you run the wrong tire pressure, your tires won't perform as well, especially when run at too-low pressure from either colder air or neglecting to check the pressure.

Check the manufacturer's recommended air pressure. It can be found in the owner's manual or on a sticker on the door jam or somewhere else on the vehicle.

I also recommend you purchase a good quality air pressure gauge and keep it in your car so that you can check your tire pressure regularly. Also, don't forget to replace your valve stems when you buy new tires, as they have a tendency to wear out and leak over time.

Finally, rotate your tires every 3,500 miles. Most front-wheel-drive cars are "heavy" on the front tires, which wear out more quickly than the rears. On a rear-drive vehicle, you can rotate every 5,000 miles.

Good luck, and I hope your new tires wear better for you.

Strange BUT TRUE
By Samantha Weaver

• Statistically speaking, park rangers have the most dangerous job in American law enforcement. A ranger is 13 times more likely to be injured or killed while on the job than a drug-enforcement officer.

• If you travel to the Pantanal region of Brazil, you might get a chance to see otters. Be prepared, though — the otters here can grow to 6 feet in length and weigh up to 70 pounds.

• Practically everyone in this country — and many others, I'm sure — grew up hearing the Golden Rule quite frequently: "Do unto others as you would have them do unto you." Poet W.H. Auden, though, had his own take on it: "I and the public know / What all schoolchildren learn, / Those to whom evil is done / Do evil in return."

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Now here's a tip!
by Jo Ann Derson

• To avoid unsightly flour marks on the outside of a cake, just dust the pan with a bit of your cake mix.

• "Keep on top of correspondence and bills by creating an 'action' file. I used a three-ring binder and 32 plastic page protectors. I labeled the page protectors 1 to 31, with the final one labeled 'Next Month.' Whenever I get a bill or a school note that has to be acted on, I slip it into the appropriate day's folder. Every few days, I preview the folders that are about 10 days ahead. That way, I can pay bills on time, make sure I have what I need for school meetings and send permission slips back in with time to spare. It's kept me very organized." — A.M. in Oregon

• "I keep containers of wet wipes in both our cars and in the kitchen. It's amazing how often I need to use them. With three kids and two dogs, somebody is always needing a quick cleanup, and they are always handy." — M.C. in North Carolina

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ANSWERS to Sports Quiz (P. 3) & Puzzles (P. 8)

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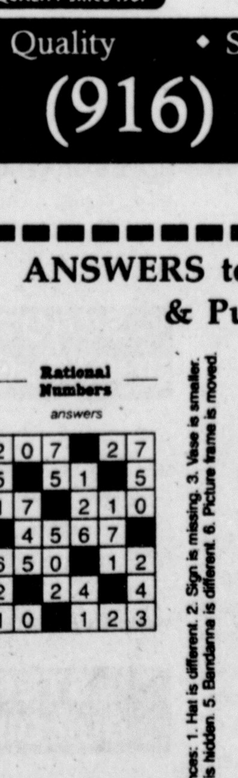
Differences: 1. Hat is different. 2. Sign is missing. 3. Vase is smaller. 4. Arm is hidden. 5. Bandanna is different. 6. Picture frame is moved.



Answers

1. Dick Selma had 153 strikeouts for the Philadelphia Phillies in 1970.
2. Five — 1992, '93, '97, '99 and tied for the best in 2003.
3. Once — Sanders had 169 yards against Green Bay in 1993.
4. UCLA's Jim Harrick (1995), Kentucky's Tubby Smith (1998) and UConn's Jim Calhoun (1999).
5. Tampa Bay's Brad Richards.
6. West Germany (1982, 1986, 1990) and Brazil (1994, 1998, 2002).
7. Hansel in 1991 and Tabasco Cat in 1994.

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OPINION

Letters to the Editor

RCHS: no discipline

I am writing this letter in response to a wonderful editorial written in the *News-Ledger* on the 14th of September. I am one of the staff members in the front office and to hear how "smoothly" the high school is running is like hearing fingernails being scratched along a chalkboard.

Smooth is hardly the word that comes to mind to describe the RCHS campus this year. Words like disorder, dismay, despair, disturbing, and most of all, denial, are the first things that come to my mind. You would have to be in complete denial to think everything is okay. They haven't been okay since the first day of school and when you factor in the new "Progressive Discipline Plan", you can throw in the word disgusted.

This new plan may work for elementary students, and be borderline for middle school students, but it does not work at all for high school students. I'm hoping that the "new" disciplinary referral that the "time out" listed on the form comes with a lollypop and a Happy Meal because I'm sure once the students figure out that a slap on the hand is all the consequences they face they will expect those treats, too. I should say they've already figured that out because I'm hearing in the office from other students that they can pretty much do what they want and not get in any trouble. Are we not supposed to be teaching our kids about the real world? A slap on the hand won't cut it. But I'm sure this is just one more thing that Mr. Geivett will be blamed for.

So, before any of you parents sign the back of the parent/student handbook and turn it in, make sure you read it carefully. Especially pages 9-22. If anything it's worth a good laugh.

CONNIE SMITH
West Sacramento

Geivett's transfer isn't the problem

The problems at River City High School are not new. Discipline and order have been deteriorating for years and continue to deteriorate as the campus becomes increasingly overcrowded. Last year, there was a stabbing incident and numerous vicious acts of violence requiring emergency response. The police, fire department and ambulance companies are well acquainted with the road to River City. The school did not just fall apart this year. It has been falling apart for years.

The Washington Unified School Board made a decision this summer to transfer the principal. No one died and no one was fired. A small group of employees and community members have opposed this change and it is their perfect right to do so. Most teachers at River City have accepted this change and many embrace it.

Personnel changes often illicit a divided response in a work place but in this case the reaction of a few is bizarre. A small minority of employees at River City are so distraught by the changes that they have reacted in a more emotionally prolonged manner than when staff members have died of cancer. They have suggested that River City is suddenly in chaos this academic year because their choice for principal has been transferred to another school. After eighteen years as a teacher at River City, my intuition is razor sharp and I believe some of these employees want River City to fall apart, fail and experience the worst sort of catastrophe just so they can boost their cause and criticize the school board's decision. They wear their misery on their sleeve, poisoning the work environment. Ironically, their behavior does not reflect well on the administrator they hope to support. Instead of extending a professional welcome to the interim principal and two new vice principals, the miserable few have made efforts to discredit the new administration before giving them a fair chance.

In spite of all the turmoil and long standing lack of leadership and misguided leadership at the high school and the district office, there are many committed teachers and students. Any success that River City has enjoyed in recent years is in spite of administration, not because of it. The community must be aware that there are new federal and state mandates for public schools. It is not enough for a principal to be a friendly, likeable neighbor or fun loving golf buddy. Principals have to do more than try. They must produce results.

River City is not a happy place to work right now and will require a long term plan to improve conditions. I am amazed that anyone still wants to step into the current situation to lead us. I do not know how all of this will turn out or what the new administration will accomplish. Even so, I extend a professional welcome to the new team and wish them success.

RONICA CARLISLE
RCHS teacher

In response to Pastor Clements

Is Mr. Clements, by signing his name "Pastor" on his letter to the editor last week, implying he represents the views of all his parishioners? Or is he implying that he represents the view of all Baptists? Or maybe the implication is that if you profess to be a believer, you will think as he does. But whatever his intention was by signing "Pastor" it raises an issue that needs to be discussed: Do religious leaders do our country a disservice by telling their parishioners how to think?

It is obvious the Islamic fundamentalist leaders do the same thing; they have convinced their parishioners that we are the devil. Some American religious leaders would have you believe that the liberals are the devil in this country, that they are the enemy of all "good" Americans. This country has never been more divided than it is today. Families and friends are breaking up because of it.

We have all seen on TV leaders of churches telling their congregations how they should think: Jerry Falwell and Pat Roberts, to name two. I believe religious leaders do need to let people think for themselves and they need to remember that we are in America. This is not Iraq, where people can be forced to think and act a certain way. Without the free will or ability to think for yourself, you become a pawn, supporting only a certain view, usually because of some kind of pressure to do so, be it subtle or overt. To be an American, I think, means having a right to think for yourself and a right to dissent, whether it be against your government or your religion. If people are not allowed to think for themselves they are easier to divide and defeat. I'll bet most of history's wars were implemented by the people who profited from the war and using the same strategy: inhibit people's ability to think for themselves or inhibit the flow of information, create an enemy and start a war.

With the world being as apparently vulnerable as it is (nuclear bombs and terrorists), I think it takes more than just calling yourself a "good" American and having "Support Our Troops" bumper stickers. We need to look more at the big picture. If the world is unstable, we will be unstable also. We have to be able to call our government on the carpet when it becomes overladen with corruption or cronies, or just makes bad decisions. The world needs a free and open dialogue, free from restraint, not just the views of an elite few. The religious right is being used as political pawns by the people running the show in Washington D.C. Parishioners have to ask themselves, am I a member of a certain church first, or am I an American first? If your pastors are telling you how to think, are you really being a good American? I think it is worth talking about.

TIM McKINNON
West Sacramento

Questioning the district's decisions

A reminder to those wishing to attend the next school board meeting; it will be held on Thursday, September 22nd at 7 p.m. and the location will be Westmore Oaks Elementary School, 1504 Fallbrook Street.

I must comment on how great the RCHS campus looked on Back to School Night. Pulling in all of those off duty custodians and paying them extra really made the difference, and food services did a nice job on the refreshments, too, so paying them $2.50 per person for somewhere between 700 and 900 people was a good move. Perhaps those in charge of the checkbook can use some of the money they're throwing around to get textbooks for the foreign language teacher who does not have enough for all of the students in her class. And while they're at it maybe they can get the grade program fixed for that same teacher since she has been unable to input grades since school started.

It was nice to see several individuals from administration on campus. It's unfortunate that they were unable to break away from their PR work and visit Back to School Night at Yolo High School -- pretty sad considering Yolo High and the district office are actually connected. But then again, that is just indicative of what has been going on for months -- zero support. What administrators would have seen was a great parent turnout and a nice B.B.Q. put on by Mr. Geivett and parent volunteers. The students/parents seemed very appreciative.

On a separate note, the timing of the "management audit" held at RCHS on 9/15 and 9/16 seems quite curious. It takes place as the blackout period in which action taken against certificated/management WUSD employees that is forbidden ends (although Mr. Geivett's right to due process was mangled during the blackout period).

So, let's recap. There was a witch hunt that turned into a fishing expedition and when they didn't catch anything they hired a charter boat to land the big one. No, that's not fall you smell in the air, it's desperation. The party line is that any audit findings, whether good, bad or ugly, will not be used as a vehicle against Mr. Geivett, but as the saying goes, "you can put lipstick on a pig, but at the end of the day it's still a pig."

LIZ BAGDAZIAN
West Sacramento

Response to Cindy Sheehan

Well, well: so the highly respected and much ballyhooed Cindy Sheehan has weighed in on

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IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF YOLO
In the Matter of SHAYLA BURGETT, Minor.
NO. JV-04-00200
AMENDED CITATION

TO: Robert Burgett and All Persons Claiming to be the Father.

YOU ARE HEREBY CITED AND REQUIRED TO APPEAR at a hearing in Yolo County Juvenile Court, located at 725 Court Street, Woodland, California, on November 9, 2005, at 2:30 p.m. in Department 4. At the hearing, the Court will decide whether to permanently terminate your parental rights over the above-named child born to Michelle Fox on May 2, 2004. If you wish to be represented by an attorney and are unable to afford one, the Court will appoint an attorney to represent you.

Dated: 8/26/2005
DONNA M. PETRE
JUDGE OF THE JUVENILE COURT
Aug 31 Sep 7 14 21

Fictitious Business Name Statement
Filed Sept. 6, 2005
File No. 2005-938

The following person is doing business as Dr Dave's Detailing, 1050 W Capitol Ave, W. Sacramento CA 95691:

David L. Self, same address.

This business is conducted by an Individual.

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 2/24/05.

/s/David L. Self

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Freddie Oakley, Clerk
Date: Sept. 6, 2005, 2005
by: /s/ , Deputy Clerk
Sep 14 21 28 Oct 5

Fictitious Business Name Statement
Filed Aug 30, 2005
File No. 2005-918

The following person is doing business as Alexander Grant Construction, 345 Fountain Way, Dixon CA 95620; mailing PO Box 72300, Davis CA 95617:

Alexander Grant Investments, PO Box 72300, Davis CA 95617, same address.

This business is conducted by a Corporation.

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 11 Jan '05.

/s/Grant Oerding, CEO
Alexander Grant Investments

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Sep 14-Oct 5

Fictitious Business Name Statement
Filed Sept 8, 2005
File No. 2005-947

The following person is doing business as Buena Vista Realty, 3034 Canvasback Way, West Sacramento CA 95691:

A. Paul Martinez and Germaine A. Bautista, same address as above.

This business is conducted by Co-Partners.

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/s/A.P. Martinez
/s/Germaine Bautista

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Date: Sep. 8, 2005, 2005
by: /s/Valerie Clinton, Deputy Clerk
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Fictitious Business Name Statement
Filed Sep 8, 2005
File No. 2005-948

The following person is doing business as Wonderland Day Care, 3034 Canvasback Way, West Sacramento CA 95691:

A. Paul Martinez & Jacquelin B. Martinez, same address as above.

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/s/A. Paul Martinez
/s/Jacquelin B. Martinez

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State of California
County of Yolo
Freddie Oakley, Clerk
Date: Sep 8, 2005
by: /s/Valerie Clinton, Deputy Clerk
Sep 21 – Oct 12

ORDINANCE NO. 05-20
AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WEST SACRAMENTO LEVYING AND APPORTIONING THE SPECIAL TAX IN THE CITY OF WEST SACRAMENTO COMMUNITY FACILITIES DISTRICT N (PARLIN RANCH) AS PROVIDED IN RESOLUTION NO. 05-79

WHEREAS, the City Council (the "Council") of the City of West Sacramento (the "City") has established the City of West Sacramento Community Facilities District N (the "District") pursuant to Resolution No. 05-79 (the "Resolution of Formation"), duly adopted on September 7, 2005, for the purpose of providing for the financing of certain services in and for the District; and

WHEREAS, at an election held in the District on September 13, 2005, the qualified electors of the District authorized the levy of the special tax described in the Resolution of Formation.

NOW, THEREFORE, the City Council of the City of West Sacramento does ordain as follows:

Section 1. Recitals. All of the above recitals are true and correct, and the Council so finds and determines.

Levy of Special Tax. Pursuant to Section 53340 of the Government Code of the State of California and Chapter 3.32 of the City Municipal Code, the special tax is hereby levied at the maximum rates and apportioned in the manner specified in the Resolution of Formation.

Collection of Special Tax. Pursuant to Section 53340 of the Government Code of the State of California, the special tax shall be collected by the Yolo County Tax Collector in the same manner as ordinary *ad valorem* property taxes are collected and shall be subject to the same procedure, sale, and lien priority in case of delinquency as is provided for *ad valorem* taxes; provided, however, that the Special Tax may alternately be billed directly and collected on a different schedule, such as on a monthly or other periodic basis, or in a different manner, if necessary, to meet the City's financial obligations.

Claims for Refund. Claims for refund of the tax shall comply with the following and any additional procedures as established by the Council:

All claims shall be filed with the City Clerk no later than one year after the date the tax was paid. The claimant shall file the claim within this time period and the claim shall be finally acted upon by the Council as a prerequisite to bringing suit thereon.

Pursuant to Government Code section 935(b), the claim shall be subject to the provisions of Government Code sections 945.6 and 946.

The Council shall act on a timely claim within the time period required by Government Code section 912.4.

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The procedure described in this Ordinance, and any additional procedures established by the Council, shall be the exclusive claims procedure for claimants seeking a refund of the tax. The decision of the Council shall be final.

Section 5. Effective Date. This Ordinance, as an ordinance levying a tax for the usual and current expenses of the City, is an urgency ordinance and shall take effect immediately.

Section 6. Publication of Ordinance. The City Clerk is hereby directed to cause this Ordinance to be published within fifteen (15) days after its adoption in a newspaper of general circulation in the City.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the City Council of the City of West Sacramento on September 14, 2005, by the following vote:

AYES: Kristoff, Beers, Villegas, Pierson
NOES: None
ABSENT: Cabaldon
/s/Christopher L. Cabaldon, Mayor
ATTEST: /s/Helen M. Kanowsky, City Clerk
APPROVED AS TO FORM: /s/ Robert E. Murphy, City Attorney
Sep 21

ORDINANCE NO. 05-21
AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WEST SACRAMENTO LEVYING AND APPORTIONING THE SPECIAL TAX IN THE CITY OF WEST SACRAMENTO COMMUNITY FACILITIES DISTRICT N (South Linden) AS PROVIDED IN RESOLUTION NO. 05-80

WHEREAS, the City Council (the "Council") of the City of West Sacramento (the "City") has established the City of West Sacramento Community Facilities District O (the "District") pursuant to Resolution No. 05-80 (the "Resolution of Formation"), duly adopted on September 7, 2005, for the purpose of providing for the financing of certain services in and for the District; and

WHEREAS, at an election held in the District on September 13, 2005, the qualified electors of the District authorized the levy of the special tax described in the Resolution of Formation.

NOW, THEREFORE, the City Council of the City of West Sacramento does ordain as follows:

Section 7. Recitals. All of the above recitals are true and correct, and the Council so finds and determines.

Section 8. Levy of Special Tax. Pursuant to Section 53340 of the Government Code of the State of California and Chapter 3.32 of the City Municipal Code, the special tax is hereby levied at the maximum rates and apportioned in the manner specified in the Resolution of Formation.

Section 9. Collection of Special Tax. Pursuant to Section 53340 of the Government Code of the State of California, the special tax shall be collected by the Yolo County Tax Collector in the same manner as ordinary *ad valorem* property taxes are collected and shall be subject to the same procedure, sale, and lien priority in case of delinquency as is provided for *ad valorem* taxes; provided, however, that the Special Tax may alternately be billed directly and collected on a different schedule, such as on a monthly or other periodic basis, or in a different manner, if necessary, to meet the City's financial obligations.

Section 10. Claims for Refund. Claims for refund of the tax shall comply with the following and any additional procedures as established by the Council:

(a) All claims shall be filed with the City Clerk no later than one year after the date the tax was paid. The claimant shall file the claim within this time period and the claim shall be finally acted upon by the Council as a prerequisite to bringing suit thereon.

(b) Pursuant to Government Code section 935(b), the claim shall be subject to the provisions of Government Code sections 945.6 and 946.

(c) The Council shall act on a timely claim within the time period required by Government Code section 912.4.

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Effective Date. This Ordinance, as an ordinance levying a

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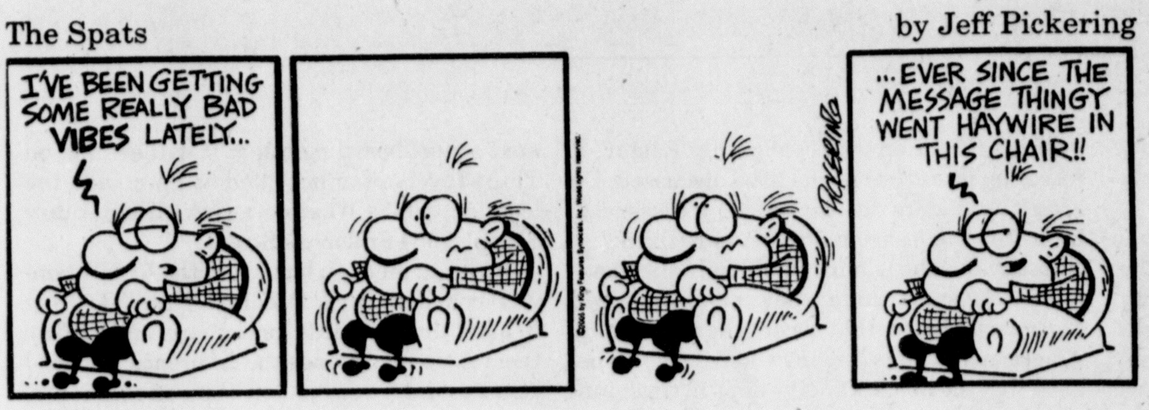

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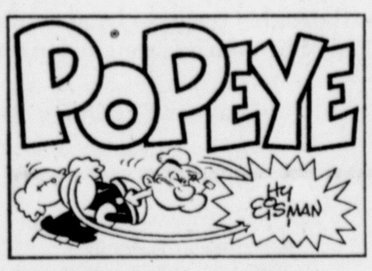

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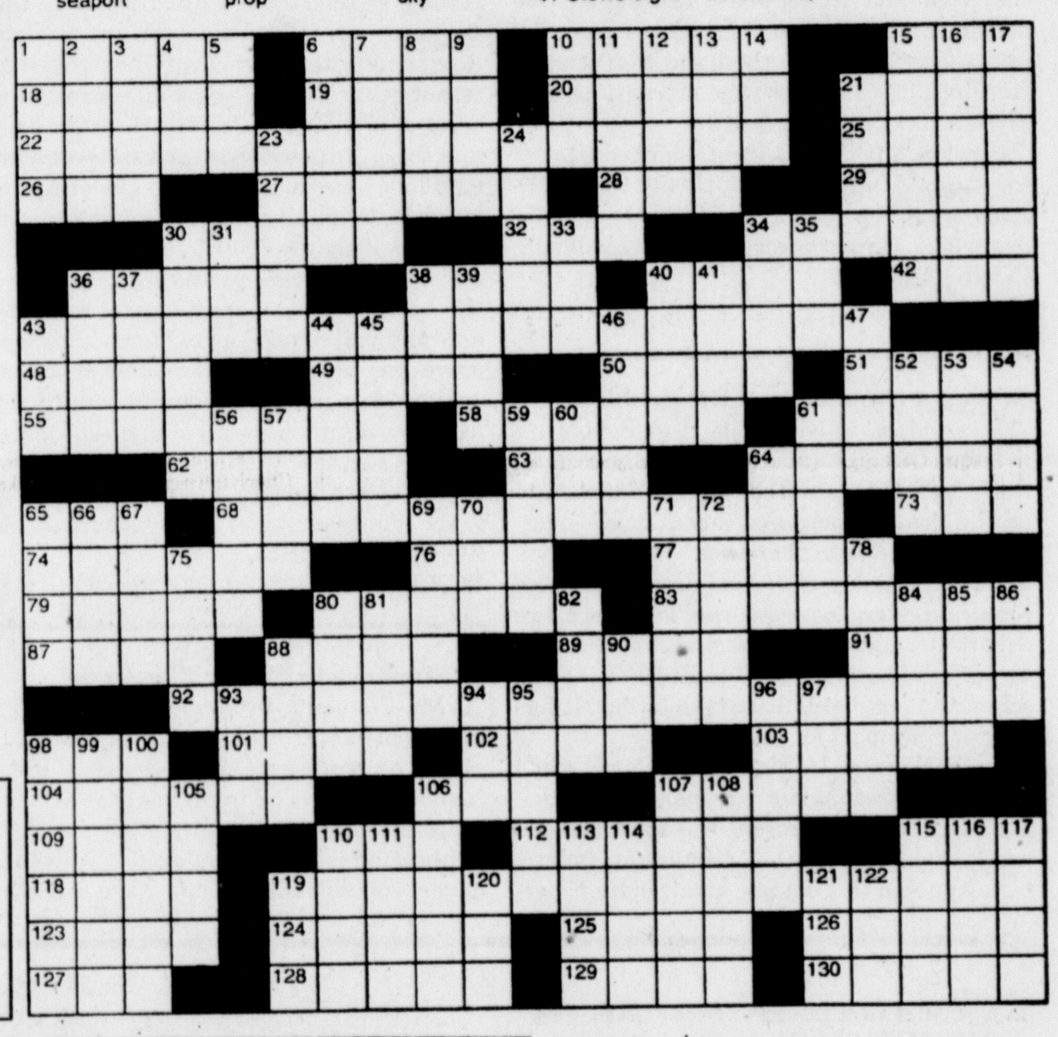
15 Yak
18 Caustic
19 Mideastern airline
20 '28 Irving Berlin song
21 Antitoxins
22 Dashiell Hammett book
25 Evangelist Roberts
26 Wield an axe
27 Hood or Tell
28 Have a hot dog
29 Woods dweller?
30 Explorer Sebastian
32 Choose, with "for"
34 Actor Howard
36 "Mr. Television"
38 Loaded
40 Siouan people
42 Hill or Haggerty
43 Harper Lee book
48 Utah city
49 Dole (out)
50 Algerian seaport
51 "My word!"
55 Won over
58 Singer John
61 Work like a horse
62 Slip cover?
63 Mauna —
64 Soap ingredient
65 Actor's lunch?
68 Mark Bowden book
73 "Ask — Girl" ('59 film)
74 Main drag
76 Mare's morsel
77 Textbook headings
79 Senator Fong
80 Kathy of country
83 Soldered or stapled
87 Maintain
88 Splinter group
89 Grandma
91 Emulated the Valkyries
92 Agatha Christie book
98 Conflict
101 Rational
102 Geometry calculation
103 "Rawhide" prop
104 Indifference
106 August one?
107 Religious belief
109 Big vein
110 1 Down, e.g.
112 Adds a lane
115 Bell and Barker
118 Composer Siegmeister
119 Willa Cather book
123 Word with dance or dunk
124 Art supporter?
125 — -Neisse Line
126 Tenor Beniamino
127 Internet acronym
128 Put on a pedestal
129 Actor Calhoun
130 Burger topping

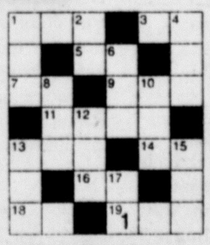
DOWN
1 British city
2 Pain
3 Make coffee
4 With 46 Down, "Vertigo" star
5 Oklahoma city
6 So out it's in
7 Vote in
8 Hit hard
9 Opposite of aweather
10 "Baby — Want You" ('71 hit)
11 Jeeves' profession
12 Namu or Willy
13 Crowd-burst?
14 Itch
15 McRaney or Ford
16 Lawrence's locale
17 Scrimshaw material
21 Weeps
23 Warhol subject
24 Dress
30 European peninsula
31 Half and half?
33 Sweater letter
34 Meat cut
35 Always, to Arnold
36 — yesterday (naive)
37 Got by, with "out"
38 "Baloney!"
39 Like some donuts
40 Brute
41 Stowe sight
43 Sock part
44 Basic organism
45 Battlefield doc
46 See 4 Down
47 Farmer's place
52 Festive
53 Connecticut town
54 Moist
56 Photo book
57 Annoy
59 Bring bliss
60 At once
61 Present company?
64 Ridicule
65 "Very funny!"
66 Tel —
67 Insignificant
69 Yaphet of "Homicide"
70 Toque or topee
71 Guitarist Eddy
72 Available
75 DEA officer
78 Knee-slapper
80 Nasty
81 Zenith
82 Pay to play
84 Night noise
85 Actress Purviance
86 — Plaines, IL
88 Corset part
90 "The truth at last!"
93 Hibachi residue
94 Rob Roy's refusal
95 Adult
96 Coming from Cork
97 "Saving Private Ryan" extras
98 Solidarity leader
99 Lunar spacecraft
100 Tire type
105 Swarm (with)
106 Surgical tool
107 Postpone
108 Threshold
110 Food fish
111 Cuban currency
113 Violinist Oistrakh
114 Extinct bird
115 Christmas visitors
116 Chip off Woody's block
117 Rind
119 Actress Leoni
120 Seville shout
121 Self-esteem
122 China's — Biao



Rational Numbers

by Linda Thistle

Using the clues, simple arithmetic and a little logic, place a single digit (0 to 9) in each empty box in the diagram. To help you get started, one digit has been entered in the diagram.



ACROSS
1. One-third of 13-Down
3. 7-Across plus 18-Across
5. 3-Across plus 16-Across
7. One-third of 5-Across
9. Three more than 1-Across
11. Consecutive digits in ascending order
13. One hundred less than 4-Down
14. Two more than 18-Across
16. Two times 14-Across
18. 5-Across minus 17-Down
19. Three times 17-Down

DOWN
1. One-half of 12-Down
2. Consecutive odd digits in descending order
4. 18-Across times 2-Down
6. Three more than 19-Across
8. Five less than 4-Down
10. Eighty less than 1-Down
12. 8-Down minus 15-Down
13. Digits of 6-Down reversed
15. Nine times 3-Across
17. The first digit is four times the last digit

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Please see answers page five

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Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions - forward, backward, up, down and diagonally.

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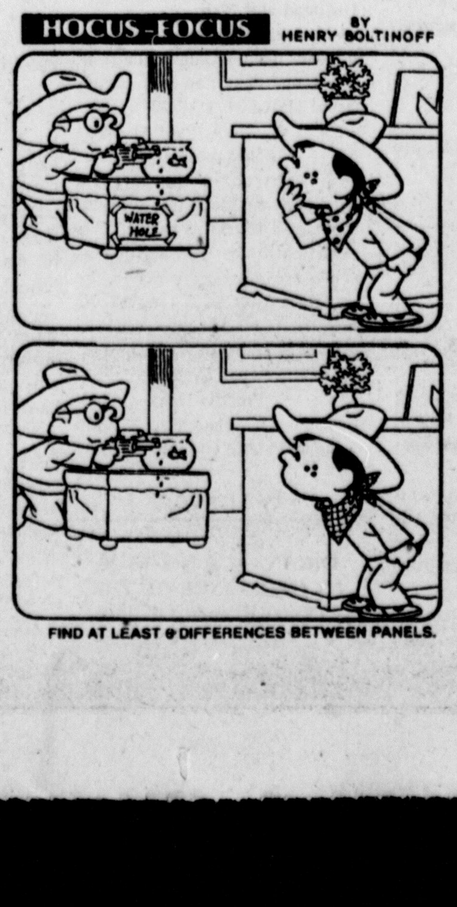

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DINING, TRAVEL & ENTERTAINMENT

CRITIC'S CORNER
By D.N.A Smith

"The Brothers Grimm"

Running time: 118 minutes
MPAA rating: PG-13

With allusions to Sleeping Beauty, Red Riding Hood, Hansel & Gretel, Snow White, Rapunzel and other fairy tales, "The Brothers Grimm" is director Terry Gilliam's latest (and long overdue) foray into the world of the fantastic.

The film stars Matt Damon and Heath Ledger as Will and Jacob Grimm, respectively. The duo bear little resemblance to the historical brothers, scholars who devoted time to what they thought was a minor work — gathering folk tales passed orally for generations in their native Germany and transcribing them into a anthology.

The conceit of "The Brothers Grimm" is that the brothers are not scholars, but con men who travel throughout French-occupied Germany exploiting local superstitions by faking occult infestations and then, Ghostbusters-like, ridding the town of the very demons they have contrived.

The boys' lucrative and fraudulent machinations are quickly put to a halt when a French general (Jonathan Pryce) forces the duo to the town of Karlstadt to investigate the mysterious disappearance of 11 little girls (one of whom wore a little red riding hood, another named Gretel).

Aided by a huntress named Angelika (Lena Headey), the elder sister of two of the missing girls, Will and Jacob soon discover they are faced with a genuine dark enchantment in the form of an evil witch, The Mirror Queen (Monica Bellucci), who is using the kidnapped girls to regain her lost beauty in order to be The Fairest of Them All.

"The Brothers Grimm," like all of Gilliam's films, is a joy to look at. The production design and cinematography are brilliant as always. The flaw in the film is that, for a fairy tale, the

Heath Ledger, Matt Damon

movie fails to enchant — at least not in the same way as Gilliam's other films ("Brazil," "Time Bandits," "12 Monkeys") have. This could be due in part to the recurring problem of Gilliam's career: Slashed budgets and an uncooperative studio that seeks to undermine his vision.

While "The Brothers Grimm" isn't one of Gilliam's best films, it is certainly worth a look at a matinee — or hopefully on a Criterion Collection DVD director's cut in the near future.

GRADE: C+

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Comfort foods
Made fast and healthy

by JoAnna M. Lund

Dessert Time Is Anytime

When you find a delicious dessert that also happens to be healthy — well, what more could you ask for?

CREAMY "COOKIE" FRUIT DESSERT

- *1 cup nonfat dry milk powder*
- *1 1/2 cups water*
- *2 tablespoons white distilled vinegar*
- *1 (4-serving) package sugar-free instant vanilla pudding mix*
- *1 (8-ounce) can crushed pineapple, packed in fruit juice, undrained*
- *1 cup reduced-calorie whipped topping*
- *1 (11-ounce) can mandarin oranges, rinsed and drained*
- *1 cup diced banana*
- *9 (2 1/2-inch) chocolate graham crackers*

In a large bowl, combine dry milk powder, water and vinegar. Let set 5 minutes. Add dry pudding mix and undrained pineapple. Mix well, using a wire whisk. Blend in whipped topping. Add mandarin oranges and banana. Mix gently to combine. Coarsely crush 6 graham crackers. Fold crushed graham crackers into pudding mixture. Evenly spoon mixture into 6 dessert dishes. Crush remaining 3 graham crackers into fine crumbs. Sprinkle about 1 teaspoon crumbs over top of each. Refrigerate for at least 10 minutes. Makes 6 servings.

• Each serving equals: 168 calories, 0 g fat, 6 g protein, 36 g carb., 238 mg sodium, 1 g fiber; Diabetic Exchanges: 1 Fruit, 1/2 Fat-Free Milk, 1/2 Starch.

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Jill Jackson's HOLLYWOOD

Charlize Theron

HOLLYWOOD ... Oscar-winning actress **Charlize Theron** steps down from the big to the small screen to star in five episodes of "Arrested Development." Her other TV appearance recently was in "The Life and Death of Peter Sellers" as **Britt Ekland**. Her Oscar win was for her role in "Monster." And for those of you who have asked — Theron's natural hair color is a light brown. It has been bleached blonde for some roles, and dyed black for the upcoming "Aeon Flux."

By the time you read this, the problem may be solved, but as I write there is a new James Bond film scheduled to shoot soon, but at the moment there is *no* James Bond. Since **Pierce Brosnan** was given his walking papers, the search has been on for another 007. In the new film, titled "Casino Royale," **Judi Dench** will again play M and **John Cleese** will be Q, and just about every male leading man in the business has been considered for Bond. Wouldn't it be fun if the "powers that be" went back to Brosnan?

Billy Bob Thornton is in New Mexico filming "The Astronaut Farmer." This about an eccentric farmer who dreams of space travel, so he tries to build a rocket inside his barn. His neighbors think he's nuts, but the government considers him a threat. The role should fit Billy Bob perfectly. He would not necessarily, in private life, be considered a threat, but certainly at times he is an oddity.

Aside to Martha M. of Manhattan Beach, Calif. I think I have answered this before, but here goes again: **Cher's** full name is Cherilyn Sarkisian LaPiere. Her mother is part Cherokee Indian; LaPiere is her stepfather's name. And yes, Cher does mean "dear" in French, but in her case it's just a shortening of Cherilyn.

HOLLYWOOD IS READING: "An Unfinished Life" by Mark Spragg (Vintage Books). The film version starring **Robert Redford, Jennifer Lopez** and **Morgan Freeman** is now playing in movie houses. ... "The Bad Behavior of Belle Cantrell" by Loraine Despres (William Morrow), a prequel to Despres' "The Scandalous Summer of Sissy LeBlanc." Again, set in a small Southern town, and again, another heckuva good read. ... "Phenomenon: Everything You Need to Know About the Paranormal," by Sylvia Browne. This insight into the "other" world talks about clairvoyance, déjà vu, ghosts and much, much more. ... **Bret Easton Ellis'** new novel, "Lunar Park," (Knopf). Weird, scary, funny, not so funny at times and highly readable, it will most likely become a movie.

Hollywood is still sending clothes, money, food and all kinds of other help to victims of Hurricane Katrina. Please, hopefully you will do the same. ... It will take a long, long time for New Orleans to come back. It's my hometown, and I'm still "bleeding" for everyone there.

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BITS 'N' PIECES: On a lighter note, **Jessica Simpson** is getting her name in the news almost as much as Paris. ... **Robert Downey Jr.'s** shirt was lavender, his tie was lavender and so were his sneakers at his wedding to **Susan Levin**. So was his orchid boutonniere, matching her lavender orchid bouquet. ... New best friends: **Paris Hilton** and **Mary-Kate Olsen**. Now ain't *that* a combination? ... **Peter Falk** honored with a Lifetime Achievement Award at the Savannah, Ga., Film Festival. ... **Lindsay Lohan** can be spotted cruising the shops on trendy Melrose Avenue in West Hollywood. ... Aside to Peter B. of Destin, Fla. Yup, **Sharon Stone** is 47. Doesn't look it. And did you know she has an IQ of 154? That's up in the brilliance category!

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THE CHOPPING BLOCK
by Philomena Corradeno

BELL PEPPERS, EGGS ARE A PERFECT MATCH

Peppers and eggs seem to be made for each other. They're so good together: the peppers taking on the taste of the eggs, and the eggs pulling in the flavor of the peppers. It's a quick and easy, hunger-appeasing meal when accompanied by a hearty bread and a green salad. And it's just eggs scrambled into a pan of sliced, still-crunchy bell peppers.

For me it's a slice of nostalgia, and I cook it often. When we were growing up, nice summer Sundays meant a day-long picnic or several hours at the beach, with two or three other families. For beach days, Mom, in the morning, would make pepper and egg sandwiches — just beaten egg stirred into a pan of still crunchy fried pepper strips, seasoned only with salt and black pepper. While the mixture was still hot she'd spread it in a couple of loaves of French bread, squish the bread down a bit, cut the loaf into about 4-inch portions and wrap each in wax paper. When we were ready for them, they were ready for us, nicely softened by the olive oil. Delicious.

The pepper-and-egg skillet dinner we have here is quite different. Peppers cut in strips or rings are cooked along with onions (and garlic, if you like), and a touch of balsamic vinegar. The eggs then are individually slipped into indentations in the mixture. Another busy-day dinner.

PEPPER AND EGG SKILLET SUPPER

- *1 teaspoon cooking oil*
- *7 cups thinly sliced sweet red, yellow and/or green peppers in rings or strips (5 to 6 medium, about 1 lb. 10 oz.)*
- *1 1/2 cups thinly sliced onion*
- *2 teaspoons minced garlic, optional*
- *2 tablespoons balsamic vinegar*
- *4 eggs*

In 10-inch nonstick omelet pan or skillet over medium heat, cook peppers, onion and garlic in heated oil, without stirring, 3 to 4 minutes. (Volume in pan will reduce as vegetables cook.) Continue cooking, stirring occasionally, until vegetables are crisp-tender, 6 to 8 minutes, or until vegetables are soft and all liquid has evaporated, 10 to 12 minutes. Stir in vinegar until evaporated.

With back of spoon, make 4 indentations in vegetable mixture. Break and slip an egg into each indentation. Cover and cook over medium heat until whites are completely set and yolks begin to thicken but are not hard, 3 to 4 minutes. Makes 4 servings.

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NEW PRODUCT NEWS: **Newman's Own** has removed all trans-fats and hydrogenated oils from its regular line of microwave popcorn, which will now include 94 percent Fat Free Butter, Natural, Light Butter, NEW Low Sodium Butter, Butter and Butter Boom. Prices remain the same. ... **Butterball** has launched Extra Thin Sliced Turkey Breast in a Ziploc Tub that is reseal-able, reusable and microwave- and dishwasher-safe. Flavors are Rotisserie, Oven Roasted, Smoked and Honey Roasted. During the 2005 holiday season it will offer three seasoned turkey breast items: Cajun Style Bone-in Breast, Cajun Style Boneless Turkey Breast Roast and Savory Herb Seasoned Boneless Turkey Roast. Boneless varieties will come in 3-pound size while the bone-in will range from 3 to 9 pounds. ... **Pepperidge Farm** now has 100 percent Whole Wheat Bagels and Mini Bagels. ... **McCormick** brought out five new Grill Mates spice rubs: Spicy Hickory and Mesquite wet rubs, and Steak, Pork and Chicken dry rubs, along with four Grill Mates marinades: Garlic, Herb and Wine; Chipotle Pepper; Tomato, Garlic & Basil; and Peppercorn & Garlic.

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TEST DRIVE
by Greg Zyla

2005 Mercury Mountaineer Luxury AWD
Base price: $36,690
Price as tested: $39,930

This week, we test drive Mercury's 2005 Mountaineer Luxury AWD, a sport utility vehicle aimed at affluent buyers who appreciate the finer things in life. The Mountaineer is similar mechanically to Ford's Explorer. However, where the Explorer is aimed at a much larger consumer base, Mountaineer is discreetly luxurious and just a step behind its sibling Lincoln Navigator.

New for 2005 are standard features like an AdvanceTrac with Roll Stability Control system, a nice message center, rear outboard second-row seatbacks that recline, and a new roof rack with side rails.

Inside, our Mountaineer featured standard third-row seating, and optional second-row fold-flat bucket seats with head restraints and a center console for $490 more. Additionally, a $1,295 rear-seat entertainment center featuring a DVD player and flip-down screen is a boon for passengers on longer trips. If you order the DVD system, you have to buy an auxiliary climate control ($650) that features rear heating and cooling — a must these days for the rear passengers — and a power moonroof ($850). Go figure.

Mountaineer's leather seating surface includes standard heated front seats. The second-row seats are also comfortable, and we found that even third-row passengers had more head- and legroom than usual in vehicles like this. We also liked that you can fold under the third-row seat, eliminating the need to remove heavy seats for more cargo room.

Under the hood, a 4.0-liter V-6 powers Mountaineer quite well and produces 210 horsepower. Although a V-8 making 239 horsepower is offered, its EPA numbers are only 14 mpg city and 18 mpg highway. Thus, we feel the V-6 is a better choice at this time. (The two-wheel-drive V-6 gets 21 mpg on the highway, so if you don't need AWD, opt for the 2WD Mountaineer).

Mountaineer's all-wheel-drive system is fully automatic and activates whenever wheel slippage occurs. The only transmission available is the five-speed electronic automatic overdrive with overdrive lockout switch. Stopping the Mountaineer is easy, thanks to four-wheel power discs that we liked very much.

The suspension system is fully independent, helping in both cornering and comfort. The ride is more luxurious, quiet and softer than most serious "off-road" SUVs, but it's also something we expect in a luxury vehicle.

In addition to its long list of standard equipment and aforementioned options, our Mountaineer featured a seven-speaker, subwoofer-powered, six-disc AM/FM/CD Audiophile

2005 Mercury Mountaineer Luxury AWD

Likes: Looks, finish, handling, lots of standard features

Dislikes: Fuel mileage, no navigation system offered

Audio System for $510; and a $795 security group that adds first- and second-row side-curtain airbags, rollover protection sensors and a reverse sensing system. Additionally, an upgraded trailer package with 3.73 rear and electrical trailer connectors added another $150. With $645 for destination and then subtracting a $705 discount for the luxury package, the final tally came in at $39,930

Important numbers include a wheelbase of 113.8 inches, 22.5-gallon fuel tank, 4,433-pound curb weight, seven-passenger seating, up to 81.3 cubic feet of cargo space, EPA numbers of 15 mpg city and 19 mpg highway, and a 5,220-pound maximum towing capacity.

We liked the Mountaineer, and at almost $40,000 it indeed appeals to buyers who want the very best in a mid-size SUV. However, a Ford Explorer can be purchased in the $20,000 bracket and shares basically the same platform mechanicals, so the choice is yours. We rate Mountaineer a strong eight on a scale of one to 10.

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Strange BUT TRUE
By Samantha Weaver

- It's been reported that the Tasmanian devil can consume up to 40 percent of its body weight in half an hour. In human terms, that would be the equivalent of an adult eating 50 pounds of beef at one sitting.
- Actor Roger Bowen played the role of Lt. Colonel Henry Blake in the 1970 film version of "M*A*S*H"; actor McLean Stevenson portrayed the same character in the long-running TV series. In a weird coincidence, they died within one day of each other — Stevenson on Feb. 15, 1996 and Bowen on Feb. 16, 1996 — and from the same ailment: a heart attack.
- It's still not known who observed, "Of all the ways of paying for a thing, cash is the cheapest."
- The world's largest species of flower, the titan arum, has a lifespan of 40 years and can reach up to 18 feet in height. It only blooms a few times over its life, but it's quite an event when a flower emerges. In order to attract insects for pollination, the bloom emits an odor that's been likened to that of rotting flesh. Perhaps unsurprisingly, then, another name for the plant is "corpse flower."
- By itself, California constitutes the world's fifth-largest economy.
- Though Rome didn't sink into powerlessness all at once, the date usually given by historians to the fall of Rome is Aug. 28, 474 A.D. Of course, there have been many theories regarding the empire's decline, but one of the more interesting ones centers on the water supply. Rome was dependent on a vast system of aqueducts to bring in the water needed to supply the population. The aqueducts, however, were lined with lead, which has led some researchers to speculate that the Romans slowly went mad from lead poisoning.

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Thought for the Day: "Youth is a wonderful thing. What a crime to waste it on children." — *George Bernard Shaw*

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PAGE FROM THE PAST

THE YOLO INDEPENDENT — FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 27, [illegible]

and music were enjoyed, and refreshments were served.

Mrs. Vera Painter, who has been ill at the Sisters' Hospital, has returned to her home in Washington.

A. G. Brietzke and family were visitors in Stockton last Monday at the home of friends.

William Brenning and family, formerly of Long Beach, have moved to Washington, where they will make their home.

A. M. Cameron went to Chico for the week-end on business.

Miss Pearl Moser and Miss Sallie Russell motored to Placerville, where they spent the week-end visiting friends.

Charles Martinelli of St. Helena was a week-end visitor in Washington.

Mrs. A. M. Cameron and Mrs. Fred Moser motored Sunday to Natomas to visit at the home of Mr. and Mrs. F. Stumbo.

"Hip-at-Home" is the aggregation of talent made up of the boys and girls of Washington who will entertain in the Town Hall tomorrow (Saturday) afternoon at a matinee, and Saturday evening for the grown-ups. Among the entertainers are some clever youngsters who have been practicing for some time and they promise to give the best they have tomorrow evening.

Byron Williams and Julius Noyes were visitors yesterday in Stockton.

Blair Manchester was a week-end visitor in Roseville.

A St. Patrick's Day dance will be given at the Riverbank school Saturday evening, March 13th. The affair is being planned by the three teachers of the school. Refreshments will be served and music will be furnished by a Sacramento orchestra. The proceeds from the dance will be used in the purchase of playground equipment. This dance probably will be the first of a series of monthly dances for the same purpose.

Mrs. A. D. Gardner and daughter of Sonoma County are visiting at the home of Mrs. J. B. Lee.

FAMILY TROUBLE ENDS IN SHOOTING SCRAPE

Yesterday afternoon two pistol shots on the levee north of Rocky Point threw the neighborhood into a spasm of excitement.

Particularly were the workers in the Chinese laundry excited. They thought that another tong war had started and fled in all directions in quest of safety.

Nobody was hurt. Not a drop of blood was shed, and as Constable Buckingham was out of town no arrests were made.

The best the Independent could learn was from one of the participants, Wm. Brenning, who fired the shots in the direction of his brother-in-law, Wm. Roche.

Roche was not hurt, but sought the warrant, and Brenning claims he only fired in his direction without intent to injure.

Brenning and family are late arrivals from Long Beach. The Roche family came to visit at the Brenning home. A financial discussion ensued according to Brenning which wound up in Roche drawing a knife and Brenning a revolver. Roche ran out of the house and made his escape, but Brenning sent two shots after him.

FEW REFUSALS TO PLEDGE FOR GAS SUPPLY

Since Wednesday morning three employees of the Pacific Gas and Electric Company have been circulating pledges with the residents of Washington asking them to sign for a term of three years to use gas for household or other purposes.

Very few refusals have been met, but some ladies have asked the men to return after they consulted their husbands.

In nearly every case those making the request signed next day.

The cause of the pledge was explained in the last issue of the Independent. To build the pipe line from Sacramento an investment of $150,000 must be made. Without assurance of consumption, or a certain amount at least, the expenditure would not be warranted.

The three-year term pledge means that the signer will use gas for cooking or lighting during that period and if a home be vacant there will be no charge.

If used once by any housewife the lady would not be without gas during the summer months for twice the price asked for service.

Most likely the demand will be unanimous.

DRY LAW WILL BE TESTED MARCH 18th

Washington, Feb. 24.—Arguments on the government's motion to dismiss the original suit instituted by Rhode Island to test the constitutionality of the Federal Prohibition Constitutional Amendment will be heard in the Supreme Court on March 8. Assistant Attorney General Frierson and Solicitor General King will appear for the government.

While the suit will be heard on the motion to dismiss, all the issues involved will be argued, Frierson said today, and the entire case submitted upon its merits to the court.

WEST SACRAMENTO COMPANY UNDER THE MANAGEMENT OF GLIDE RELEASING ITSELF FROM DEBT

SPLENDID SHOWING MADE AT STOCKHOLDERS' MEETING ON FEBRUARY 20TH AS SHOWN BY APPENDED STATEMENT

At the meeting of the stockholders of the West Sacramento Co. last Friday the report turned in by Manager J. H. Glide shows the company in a splendid financial condition, with assets sufficient to place the corporation on its feet in the very near future.

The company closed the year 1919 with a net profit of $12,080, after every deduction was made and claim paid, a showing that was taken at the stockholders meeting as very satisfactory. Former directors of the company were re-elected, with the exception of Fred W. Kiesel, who retired, his place being taken by Chas. W. Slack. President J. H. Glide and former officers were again chosen. The report to the stockholders' recited the stability of the work done since the Glide plan of reorganization became effective with the present management in 1914, total land sales having reached 4998 acres ,leaving a total of 4794 acres yet to be sold. Sales expense, it was reported, has never exceeded 5 per cent.

Comment is made on the stabilization of the properties by location of industries in the West Sacramento Industrial Unit, the result of efforts in that direction being that six large corporations are now operating factories there, employing 400 people, with an actual investment of $905,-000. The United States Fiber Products was located there in 1919, with an investment of $250,000.

An option ,it was said, had been given the Virden Packing Company for a site for its $1,500,000 packing plant and an option as well has been given on the town site properties for $855,000.

Indebtedness was reduced during the year from $2,961,244 to $1,313,-170, a decrease of $1,648,073, relieving the company of the payment of charges of $106,700.

The balance sheet as of December 31, 1919, follows:

ASSETS

Capital assets:		
Land		$1,518,226.13
Bldgs, improvements, equipment		60,921.81
		$1,579,147.94
Capital stock bonus		$1,762,447.55
Investments in and advance to other companies:		
Reed Orchard Company		2,869.97
Westside Railroad Co		160,421.21
		$163,291.18
Land sales contracts		233,340.53
Accounts receivable		34,978.96
Rec. Dist. warrants		22,601.14
Liberty bonds		700.00
Inventories		3,287.53
Accrued interest receivable		13,065.81
Cash in bank and on hand		5,243.39
		79,876.83
Cash in hands of trustees		889.98
Oeferred charges to future operations:		
Bond discount unamortized	27,596.58	
Taxes and ins. unexpired	5,991.89	
	33,588.47	
		$3,852,582.50

LIABILITIES

Capital stock:	
Authorized 25,000 shares, $100 each	$2,500,00.00
Issued and outstanding	1,992,900.00
Capital stock assessments	629,476.73
First mortgage 6 per cent gold bonds	2,000,000.00
Less:	
Redeemed	958,000.00
Held by trustee	20,000.00
Held by Sutro & Co	20,000.00
	$998,000.00
	$1,002,000.00
Mortgages payable	151,230.67
Current liabilities:	
Notes payable	70,562.42
Accounts payable	75,758.96
Cash lease creditors	5,276.82
Accrued bond interest	322,740.00
Accrued mortgage interest	36,583.38
Accrued note interest	11,517.87
	$522,439.45
Deferred profit on land sales	73,055.60
Deficit:	
At Jan. 1, 1919 (as adjusted)	530,600.71
Profit for year ending Dec. 31, 1919	12,080.76
	$518,519.95
	$3,852,582.50

Jo V. Snyder, who was a candidate for the position of Lieutenant Governor on the Democratic ticket a few years ago, has announced himself as favoring Hiram Johnson for President and has registered Reepublican to vote for him.

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LETTERS from p. 7

the efforts to rescue, clean up, recover the dead, and help restore order in devastated New Orleans. The pertinent portion of her selfless remarks and efforts made on behalf of her (deceased in combat, reenlisted) soldier son were:"...and bring the troops out of occupied New Orleans..." Nough said.

J. BESHARIAN
West Sacramento

In support of Geivett

As I write this I find myself wondering which WUSD problem to bring community awareness to this week. It's hard to narrow down the long list of dysfunctional issues. I must say I am in agreement with Liz Bagdazian's letter to the editor last week wishing the district administration would work as hard at solving real problems as it does at digging up items to use against Mort Geivett, the former RCHS principal.

I was stunned by the outside consultant hired to conduct a "management audit" at RCHS since I have been to every board meeting for several months and there has been no mention of this in any of the closed or open session agendas. The text of an email sent to staff regarding this audit states the fact that the board and the superintendent authorized this. When? At the last board meeting I quoted from Government Code 54950, which states: "The people of this State do not yield their sovereignty to the agencies which serve them. The people, in delegating authority, do not give their public servants the right to decide what is good for the people to know and what is not good for them to know. The people insist on remaining informed so that they may retain control over the instruments they have created." The law is pretty cut and dry. Yet again, it would appear that the top district administrators, along with their legal counsel, led the school board into Brown Act violations.

Another interesting issue with this audit is the "RCHS Climate Survey" that was conducted by the auditor. I don't understand how an uncontrolled survey could truly give a fair and accurate assessment of what's going on at the school. The only good I could see coming out of the survey is maybe some staff/teachers were able to put their true feelings on paper anonymously since many are worried about retaliation if they speak up in support of Mr. Geivett.

Staff was also told that this audit was going to be an impartial view. How can that be if the auditor is an acquaintance and business associate to this district's legal counsel? I find it interesting that the audit wasn't supposed to "evaluate teacher performance, curriculum and instruction", yet the auditor sat in on a classroom. What is the real issue behind this? Is it to create a "principal profile" to replace Mr. Geivett? Is it yet another attempt to railroad Mr. Geivett?

I will continue to say that Mr. Geivett needs to be put back at RCHS immediately! This district owes both he and Scott Seffens public apologizes for the slanderous acts against them! The large number of parents, staff and community members who have been attending school board meetings agree and have verbalized what Lois Misfeldt said in her letter to the this paper on August 31st: "The positive and professional approach of Mort Geivett puts him far above the unprofessional actions of those who have created this unfortunate situation."

Please join us this Thursday at the school board meeting to be held at Westmore Oaks Elementary School.

DANI LANGFORD
West Sacramento

AGENDAS from p. 2

city to take majority control of the Port of Sacramento, and an ordinance establishing hotel standards.

The **bond oversight committee of the Washington Unified School District** will meet at 6 p.m. tonight at the district boardroom, 930 Westacre Road, to discuss a facilities master plan, possible sale of unneeded school acreage (including acreage near the proposed new high school), "responding to the Brown Act" and other items.

The **West Sacramento Redevelopment Agency's new Project Area Committee (PAC)** will meet on four Mondays: Oct. 24, Nov. 21, Jan. 23 and Feb. 13, at 6 p.m. in the civic center galleria. The committee will discuss potential amendments to the Redevelopment Plan, including increasing the tax increment collection cap, increasing agency bond capacity, and re-instating "eminent domain" authority. For more information on the new committee, call 617-4535.

The **Southport Decision Making Process** will be the subject of two city workshops. The first will take place on Sept. 28 at 7 p.m. at the civic center galleria, with a presentation by a facilitator on the five major residential projects in Southport and a discussion of guiding issues and principals.

The second will be at 7 p.m. on Oct. 27 at city hall, and will feature an analysis of the five applications based on the principles developed at the first workshop. Participants will work in small groups to apply the principles. Resulting comments will be forwarded to the city planning commission and city council. For more information, visit www.ci.west-sacramento.ca.us and click on "Southport Decision Making Process."

The **school board of the Washington Unified School District** will meet Thursday evening at Westmore Oaks Elementary School (1504 Fallbrook St). The board will meet in public session after a closed session meeting that takes place at 6 p.m.

The agenda will include a presentation from Westmore Oaks School, approval of financial reports, procurement of a bus and other items.

NOTICES from p. 7

tax for the usual and current expenses of the City, is an urgency ordinance and shall take effect immediately.

Publication of Ordinance. The City Clerk is hereby directed to cause this Ordinance to be published within fifteen (15) days after its adoption in a newspaper of general circulation in the City.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the City Council of the City of West Sacramento on September 14, 2005, by the following vote:
AYES: **Kristoff, Beers, Villegas, Pierson**
NOES: None
ABSENT: **Cabaldon**
/s/Christopher L. Cabaldon, Mayor
ATTEST: /s/Helen M. Kanowsky, City Clerk
APPROVED AS TO FORM: /s/ Robert E. Murphy, City Attorney

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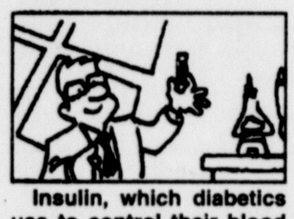
PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

The West Sacramento City Council will conduct a public hearing on October 5, 2005 at 7:30 PM or as soon thereafter as possible on the following. The hearing will be held in the council chambers at the Civic Center, 1110 West Capitol Ave., West Sacramento. Interested persons are invited to attend. In compliance with the ADA, if you need assistance to participate in this meeting, you should contact the City Clerk at 617-4500. Notification 72 hours prior to the meeting will enable the City to make reasonable arrangements to assure accessibility to this meeting. City hall is handicapped accessible.

1. Public hearing and first reading of Ordinance 05-18 making various amendments to the Zoning Ordinance and adoption of Resolution 05-86 making various amendments to the Southport Framework Implementation Plan and design guidelines for the Urban Separator Study.

Sep 21

The Star-Spangled Banner **was designated the national anthem by Act of Congress in 1931, 117 years after it was written.**



Insulin, which diabetics use to control their blood sugar levels, was discovered at the University of Toronto.

NOTICE OF HEARING
October 6, 2005

The West Sacramento Planning Commission will consider the following matters on Thursday, October 6, 2005, at West Sacramento Civic Center, Council Chambers, 1110 West Capitol Avenue, West Sacramento, California, at the times as specified or as soon thereafter as the matters may be heard:

6:00 p.m.
Item #1
CONSENT AGENDA
A) Bridgeway Lakes North VSTM 4759 Minor Map Modification (ZA 05-39)

The applicant is requesting approval of a minor map modification to change the removal date of the existing wireless facility located within the proposed open space from September 22, 2005 to August 25, 2007. Through additional research the lease end date on the prior map was determined by the title company to be incorrect. This project will rely on the previously certified Mitigated Negative Declaration for Bridgeway Lakes North. OWNER: ASB Southport I LLC, 1107 Kentucky Street, Fairfield, CA 94533. APPLICANT: ASB Properties, 2627 Napoli Court, Carmichael, CA 95608. (CH)

REGULAR AGENDA
Item #1 – United Bakery Café Conditional Use Permit (CUP 05-12)

The applicant is requesting a Conditional Use Permit to operate a café at 2530 Boatman Avenue (APN 67-140-14). The property is zoned M-2 (Heavy Industrial). The café would operate accessory to and concurrent with an existing wholesale bakery. This project is categorically exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) under Section 15303 (New Construction or Conversion of Small Structures) of the CEQA Guidelines. The Planning Commission will take final action on this project unless appealed to the City Council. OWNER: United Bakery & Company, 2530 Boatman Avenue, West Sacramento, CA 95691. APPLICANT: Dinh Nguy, 2530 Boatman Avenue, West Sacramento, CA 95691. (JP)

Item #2 – Riverside Parkway Tentative Parcel Map (TSM 05-10)

The applicant seeks approval of one into two parcel split resulting in one 10.52-acre parcel and one 8.45-acre parcel. Proposed Parcel 1 supports an existing 83,375 square foot business park building and associated parking spaces. Parcel 2 is vacant and undeveloped. The property is located at 1000 Riverside Parkway (APN # 14-650-01) in the Business Park (BP) zone. A Categorical Exemption has been filed in accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act Guidelines. APPLICANT: Morrow Surveying, 1450 Harbor Boulevard, West Sacramento, CA 95691 OWNER: Harsch Investment Properties LLC, 1121 SW Salmon, Portland, OR 97205 (JB)

Item #3-Harsch Enterprise Tentative Parcel Map 4801 (TSM 05-10)

The applicant is requesting approval to subdivide one 5.3-acre parcel into two parcels, ranging in area from 2.2 to 3.1 acres, in conformance with the Heavy Industrial (M-2) Zone. The project site is fully developed with two industrial warehouse buildings along with utilities, paved parking, paved access drives, and landscaping. This project is categorically exempt from California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) under Section 15315 (Subdivision of certain properties in urban areas into four or fewer parcels in conformance with General Plan) of the CEQA Guidelines. OWNER: Harsch Investment Properties LLC, 1121 SW Salmon, Portland, OR 97205. APPLICANT: Morrow Surveying, 1450 Harbor Boulevard #D, West Sacramento, CA 95691. (CH)
Stephen M. Patek, Director
Community Development Department

If you challenge any of the above items in court, you may be limited to raising only those issues you or someone else raised at the public hearing described in this notice, or in written correspondence delivered to the City of West Sacramento at, or prior to, the public hearing.

Sep 21

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE TS # CA-05-50299-MS Loan # 0000322701103 YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED 10/19/2004. UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER. A public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash, cashier's check drawn on a state or national bank, check drawn by state or federal credit union, or a check drawn by a state or federal savings and loan association, or savings association, or savings bank specified in Section 5102 to the Financial code and authorized to do business in this state, will be held by duly appointed trustee. The sale will be made, but without covenant or warranty, expressed or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to pay the remaining principal sum of the note(s) secured by the Deed of Trust, with interest and late charges thereon, as provided in the note(s), advances, under the terms of the Deed of Trust, interest thereon, fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee for the total amount (at the time of the initial publication of the Notice of Sale) reasonably estimated to be set forth below. The amount may be greater on the day of sale. BENEFICIARY MAY ELECT TO BID LESS THAN THE TOTAL AMOUNT DUE. Trustor(s): GEORGE W. BARROWS, JR., AN UNMARRIED MAN Recorded: 10/25/2004 as Instrument No. 2004-0048789 in book ***, page *** of Official Records in the office of the Recorder of Yolo County, California; Date of Sale: 10/12/2005 at 12:00:00 PM Place of Sale: AT THE MAIN ENTRANCE TO THE CITY HALL, 2101 STONE BLVD., WEST SACRAMENTO, CALIFORNIA Amount of unpaid balance and other charges: $222,155.21 The purported property address is: 4345 GREGORY AVENUE WEST SACRAMENTO, CA 95691 Assessors Parcel No. 046-230-07-1 The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the property address or other common designation, if any, shown herein. If no street address or other common designation is shown, directions to the location of the property may be obtained by sending a written request to the beneficiary within 10 days of the date of first publication of this Notice of Sale. Date: Quality Loan Service Corp. 319 Elm Street, 2nd Floor San Diego, CA 92101 619-645-7711 For NON SALE information only Sale Line: (916) 387-7728 or (714) 480-5690 Reinstatement Line: (619) 645-7711 ext 274 OR 281 Erik Donzella, THIS NOTICE IS SENT FOR THE PURPOSE OF COLLECTING A DEBT. THIS FIRM IS ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT ON BEHALF OF THE HOLDER AND OWNER OF THE NOTE. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED BY OR PROVIDED TO THIS FIRM OR THE CREDITOR WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. ASAP722825 9/21, 9/28, 10/5

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Anna Street Baptist Church Rev. Norman Pollitt, 371-6560 1400 Anna St., W. Sac. Sunday School 10 a.m. Sunday Worship 11 a.m. Prayer Time 6:30 p.m. http://www.forministry.com/95605ASBC	**Community Lutheran Church** Rev. Marjorie C. Beach, Pastor 920 Drever St. ■ 371-8804 10 a.m. Worship/Sunday School Friendly, family, inclusive language. The 'come as you are' church.	**Our Lady of Grace Catholic Church** 911 Park Blvd., 371-4814 Father Jos. Karikattil, Pastor Masses: Sat. Vigil 5:30pm Sunday 9 & 10:30 a.m. Weekdays 7 a.m. No Mass on Thursday
Center for Spiritual Awareness 1020 W. Capitol Ave., 374-9177 Sun. services 8:30 & 10 am Meditation at 9:30 a.m. Praise & worship 9:45 a.m. Junior church for all ages at 10 am	**Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints** 2667 Linden Road Bishop Ray Jackson, (916) 372-1113 Sunday Meeting Times: Sacrament Meeting, 9 a.m. PUBLIC WELCOME!	**Seventh Day Adventist Church** Frank Hightower, Elder 519-5329 2860 Jefferson Blvd., W. Sac. PO Box 447, W. Sac. 95691 Sat. Sabbath School 9:30 a.m. Worship 11 a.m. 372-6570
Trinity Presbyterian Church 1500 Park Blvd., W. Sac. Rev. Steve Whitney (916) 371-5875 Service: Sunday at 10 a.m. including children's programs.	**Holy Cross Catholic Church** 1321 Anna St. (near Todhunter) Pastor Giancarlo Mittempergher Sat. Vigil 5 p.m. (English) Sunday 9 (English) Noon & 7 p.m. (Spanish) Mon 8:30am, Tues-Wed 7am, Thurs. 6:45 (Spanish), Fri. 8:30 a.m. Call 371-1211	**First Southern Baptist Church** Rev. Gregory W. Kirk Sun. School 9:30 a.m. Sun. Worship 11am Wed. 6:30pm Prayer Meeting & Bible Study 2124 Michigan Blvd. 371-2111
SouthPort Community Church Pastor Bruce Maier Celebration Worship Sunday 10:30 a.m. KidLand during service. Youth & Small Group Ministry for All Ages. 2568 Industrial Blvd. 372-7818 www.southportcommunity.com	**WestSide Covenant Church** Worship Services at Collings Teen Center 1541 Merkley Ave. Sundays 10 a.m. & 6 p.m. www.westsidecov.org 371-3933	**New Discovery Christian Church** Meets at Southport Elementary School 2747 Linden Road at 10:30 a.m. Pastor Jerry Green (916) 600-3784
Horizon Christian Fellowship Rev. Claude J Perez, Sr., Pastor 1800 Manzanita Way, 371-3458 SUN Worship 9:30 & 11 am SUN Worship & Prayer 6pm WED Bible Study 7pm THURS Youth Group 7pm 1st & 3rd FRI Singles 7pm 2nd FRI Women's Fellowship 7pm	**River of Life Church** 3605 Gregory Ave (in Southport, where Jefferson, Davis & Gregory meet) Worship Sun. 10 a.m. Youth Tuesday 6:30 p.m. Call 371-6706 www.intheriver.com	*Is your worship center listed here? Call 371-8030 to find out how to list your place of worship.*

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Local Scene

Cajun Nights

The West Sacramento Moose Lodge at 3240 Jefferson Blvd. plans a Cajun Night on Sat., Oct. 1. The Blues Box Bayou Band will play; cover is $10 and food will be sold from 6-8:30 and music begins at 8:30 p.m. For more information, call 371-6303 or 371-9684. The lodge plans a "Taco Night" on Wednesday, Oct. 19, from 6-8 p.m. A plate including two tacos is available for $3 ($1.50 for kids under 10). Music by Dennis Barney from 6-10 p.m. Call 718-4175 for information.

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Charity sale

'Cheers' will hold its annual parking lot sale to benefit charity beginning at 8 a.m. on Oct. 2 at 2435 West Capitol Avenue.

Swap meet

Bryte Memorial Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 9498 will hold its annual swap meet on Sat., Oct. 1, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at 1708 Lisbon Ave. Rent a table inside or outside for $5. Call 371-9106 or 929-4908.

Local history

The West Sacramento Historical Society Museum will train volunteer donors on Sat., Oct. 8, from 10-11:30 a.m., at 324 Third Street. Call 374-1849 to confirm your attendance, or just show up if interested.

Art guild

The West Sacramento Art Guild will hold its next meeting at Room 96 in River City High School on Tuesday, Sept. 27, from 2:30-4 p.m. The public is welcome. Call 375-0405.

Rummage sale

A rummage sale on Sat., Oct. 15, at the Sail Inn at 1522 Jefferson Blvd. will benefit the West Sacramento Historical Society Museum and Visitors Center. To donate items, call Junia Potter at 372-7636.

Disaster relief

Raley's stores, including one in West Sacramento, are collecting cash donations to be given to the American Red Cross to help victims of Hurricane Katrina. Donations will be accepted at the stores through September.

RCHS seniors

Parents of seniors at River City High School are invited to attend a parent night from 6:30-8 p.m. on Wed., Oct. 5 in the school library. Representatives from community college, UC and CSU systems will speak about their college admission requirements.

Book fair

Alyce Norman Elementary School will host a scholastic book fair, with educational books, bestsellers and other materials for sale, on Oct. 3, 4, 6 & 7. Hours are Monday 1:10-3 p.m., Tuesday 2:30-4 p.m., and Thursday & Friday 2:30-4 p.m. The theme is "Enter the Kingdom of Reading – Where Books Rule! The public is welcome. Location is 1200 Anna Street. Call Ms. Schulz at 375-7650 for more information.

Blood drive

BloodSource and Round Table Pizza will sponsor a blood drive from 3-7 p.m. on Sept. 23 at the restaurant, 2105 Town Center Plaza (near Nugget). To give blood, you must be in generally good health, free from cold symptoms for at least 48 hours, at least 17 years old (16 with parental consent) and at least 110 pounds. Bring a photo ID. The process takes about an hour. Call 800-995-6010 for information.

Prevent suicide

Suicide Prevention of Yolo County will offer training for crisis line volunteers. The 36-hour training program begins Tuesday, Oct. 11. Call 372-0709 for more information on volunteering.

Business classes

Sacramento City College is offering several three-week classes for owners of small businesses. Classes start this month through November, and include "Essential Records for Small Business," "Management Skills for Small Business" and "The Business Plan." Call 375-5511 for more information.

Scrapbooking

A scrapbooking group meets at 7 p.m. on the second and fourth Fridays of each month at Trinity Presbyterian Church, 1500 Park Blvd. To join, show up and bring some photographs. For more information, call the church at 371-5875 or visit www.TrinityWestSac.org.

Neighbors Fair

The West Sacramento Neighbors Fair, held on the riverfront following the Community Day Parade on Sat., Oct. 1, will take place from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. The location is River Walk Park, near the "ziggurat" building. Featured musicians include Barry "The Fish" Melton, Mick Martin, J.C. Smith and others. There will also be food, other entertainment and vendors. Crafts booths at the fair are still available for rent and are priced at $30. Call Donna at 372-5475 for information.

Special Olympics

Support Special Olympics by participating in "Walk for the Gold" on Oct. 29. Form a team of 10 walkers and find sponsors. The City of West Sacramento is also seeking five businesses to step up as "team leaders." Call Larry von Kaenel at 617-4500.

Parade!

The annual West Sacramento Community Day Parade will take place Sat., Oct. 1, beginning at 10 a.m. There's still time to register to participate, and volunteers are sought. Visit www.wsneighborsfair.com or call Katie Villegas, 375-1132. The parade will involve road closures beginning at 7:30 a.m. and involving West Capitol Avenue from Jefferson to 3rd Street.

Theater

The West Sacramento Community Theater presents "The Benevolent Women's Craft Society," featuring "charming and crazy" characters that include a group of rural, small-town women and a visiting California professor who is gay. On Sept. 16, 17, 23 & 24, the play will begin at 8 p.m., and on Sept. 18 and 25, there will be performances at 2 p.m. Adult humor; parental discretion advised. Tickets ($10 for adults, $5 for seniors and students) are available at Southport Coffee (Harbor Blvd. next to Quiznos) or at the door. Visit www.westsactheater.com.

Adult football

A new six-on-six adult football league will begin this fall, sponsored by the West Sacramento Parks & Recreation Department. Eight teams with up to 12 players per team. Register online at www.ci.west-sacramento.ca.us or visit the parks department office. Last day to register is Sept. 30 (fee is $350). For more details, contact the parks department or see the website.

People's art show

The annual Neighbors Fair Art Show will return Sept. 30 at the civic center from 5-7 p.m. Bring your entry to celebrate an "All-Star Community." The show will be juried by representatives of the Crocker Art Museum, and there will also be People's Choice Awards. Applications must be postmarked by Sept. 26 and are available at the civic center, library, chamber of commerce, PIP Printing and at www.wsneighborsfair.com. For more information, call 371-3744.

Food giveaway

The Food Bank of Yolo County will distribute food to eligible West Sacramento residents on Sept. 27 from 9-11 a.m. at the West Sacramento County Building (500 Jefferson Blvd). Please bring a bag. For eligibility information, call (530) 758-6821.

Book sale

The West Sacramento Friends of the Library will hold their last book sale of the year, on Saturday and Sunday Sept. 24-25. Saturday hours are 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., and Sunday's are 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. The sale will be in the community room of the library at 1212 Merkley Avenue. Donations of books are accepted year-round during library hours. Also accepted are magazines and audio/visual materials.

The library asks that individual donations be limited to three bags or boxes at a time.

Call 375-6465 with questions.

Photo show

'Fantastic and colorful' photographs by Mike Yamaguchi of West Sacramento are on exhibit at the Arthur F. Turner Branch Library, 1212 Merkley Avenue, through October. The exhibit is sponsored by the "West Sacramento Friends of the Library.

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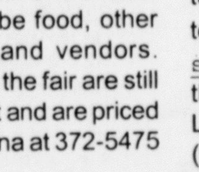
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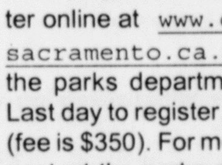
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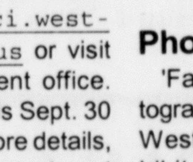
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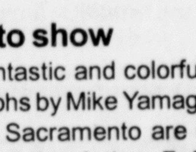
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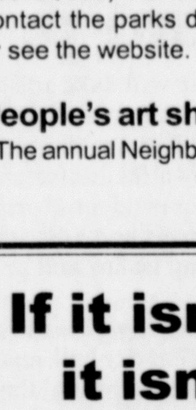
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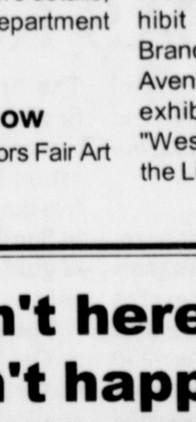
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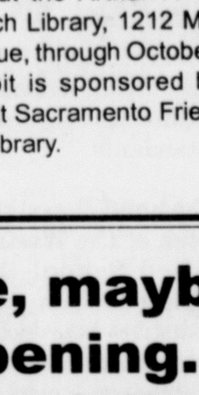
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